

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2012 General Membership Meeting
Date: January 9, 2012

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	ABSENT
Alyssa Axelrod	ABSENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Bernard Poole	PRESENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Paul Biersack	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	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 Kurt Vetter (elected 1/9)	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (93 members).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

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

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Christine Roulo– was hospitalized recently and is home now recovering calls welcome.
- Jim Mallilo's #1030 and Chris Mallilo's #1234 Father (Grandfather) is still very ill, prayers are needed, calls are welcome.
- William "Bill" Martin #1063 is in a rehabilitation center, prayers are needed and calls are welcome.

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- Ferd Neumann # 369, was hospitalized recently, he is out and about recovering as well as taking care of his wife who was also hospitalized recently. Calls are welcome
- Mark Cappola's #1087, father was hospitalized recently, prayers and get well wishes are welcome.
- Heidie Magerle #1163 and sister Joanne Vogel #861, mother Erika Vogel was hospitalized, she is doing well now, get well wishes and calls are welcome.
- Monique Moreno #1042 is recovering slowly after an injury. Get well wishes, calls are welcome.
- Liz Steenson #820 is recovering slowly after an injury. Get well wishes and calls are welcome.
- Honorary Member Jean Giacomini, wife of Life Member Jerry Giacomini #349, was recently hospitalized; she is home and out and about recovering. Prayers and calls are welcome.
- Thomas Hogan #879, was hospitalized, he is home recovering from a fall. Prayers & calls are welcome.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of:

- Stephanie Caracciolo's #1171, father in law Giuseppe Pino.
- Laura Pausel Treulich #743, father Arnold Pausel
- Dale Bartolomeo #1280 and former member Luke Bartolomeo's Uncle Joseph Bartolomeo.
- Maggie Lupinacci, mother of member Matty Lupinacci #1330.
- Life Member Ex-Chief Susan May and Associate Member Craig May announce the unexpected passing of daughter Christine May.
- Christine "Chrissie" (Russo) Tedone's #667 announces the sudden passing sister Donna Ann.
- Jim Mallilo #1030 and Christopher Mallilo #1234 Mother/Grandmother Trudy Mallilo has passed away.
- Former Member: Carolyn (Carrie) Brennan Giordano #557, on 1/2/2011.

Longevity Awards

- **Mark Brenner – 35 years**
- 1/17/1977- Joined HCFAS
- Driver, Crewleader
- ALS Provider – EMT-CC
- Captain Co. 2 – 1982, 1983, 1984
- Second Deputy Chief - 1994
- Chief – 1997, 1998
- Driver Trainer – Chair
- Nominating Committee
- Review Training Committee
- Oxygen
- New Equipment
- New Vehicle
- Supplies

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- American Heart Association BLS Instructor
- Certified Instructor Coordinator for Suffolk County EMS
- Suffolk County ALS Preceptor
- Adjunct Instructor of EMS @ Suffolk County Community College
- Regional Faculty for New York State EMS
- Senior Instructor of Suffolk County EMS
- Every Month he writes the “Basics” in the PULSE
- Mark is also the Band Director at P.D. Schreiber High School in Port Washington.
- I present to you, “You know how it is”, and he does.
- Life Member Mark Brenner
- Thank you for your 35 years of outstanding service.

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Ferd Neumann to change the order of the meeting for the Nominations and Election of a Friday Day Captain and for the By-Laws committee chairperson David Mohr to read the proposed By-Laws amendment 05-2011 for the second time, discussed and a vote taken on the amendment and to read the proposed HCFAS Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy for discussion.

Unanimous

Friday Day Captain Election

The President opened the floor for nomination of Friday Day Captain.

Andrea Golinsky nominated Kurt Vetter.

John Palmieri nominated Elizabeth Mohr.

The President asked for nominations three times and closed nominations.

Ballot vote results: Kurt Vetter -75 votes and Elizabeth Mohr 18 votes.

Motion by Joanne Vogel and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to destroy the ballots.

Unanimous

Proposed By-Laws Amendment 05-2011

John Palmieri read the proposed By-Laws amendment 05-2011 which would change the time requirement of Associate Membership to include time as a Youth Squad member.

Discussion. Negative concerns that were raised: what benefits can P215 member claim: LOSAP, insurance, etc., our attorney should (be present) to answer these questions.

Motion by Mary Winter and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to table the vote.

Motion carried.

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

Proposed HCFAS Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy

The proposed policy was read for discussion. Discussion. Negative concerns raised: Is it really necessary; it is too broad, it is too restrictive; is it censorship and against our constitutional rights to freedom of speech; there are other remedies (litigation for defamation of character or slander) that can be had in place of this. Consensus to send this back to the committee for reevaluation and addressing comments and to have squad attorney present at the next meeting to answer questions.

See the end of minutes below for the proposed Social Networking & Internet Policy.

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Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Tom O'Leary and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to accept the December 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 as received.

Incoming: Thank you letters: The Mallilo Family; Tom Hogan; Fiona Witkowski (with a donation) and Margaret Pausel.

Bob acknowledged with Thanks the members that assisted with the preparation and election this evening.

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.

- I would like to thank Secretary Robert Franz for organizing and running the election and all the members who helped to make the election run smoothly.
- I would like to thank all the members who ran for office and I wish you all have a successful year.
- I would like to thank the membership for handling 5576 calls in 2011. Congratulations.
- I am working on the ID cards – new membership cards will out by the end of the month.

Board Actions as of 12/22/2011

- Networking and Internet Communication Policy – withdrawn, to be presented to the membership.
- Glynn, Mercep & Purcell, LLP contract renewal. – approved (unanimous)
- FUOCO Group LLP 2011 HCAD Accounting Services – approved (unanimous)
- FUOCO Group LLP 2011 HCFAS Accounting Services – approved (unanimous)
- Gator Painting and Enhancements – not approved, (2-4-2) alternate vehicle painters to be sought.
- Garage Door Contract T.M. Kenney's Garage Door Inc. – Not approved (2-3-2). Other vendors sought
- Snow Removal – Muller Landscapes – not approved (0-4-3). Other vendors sought.
- Life Member Vote – To be announced at the February Installation Dinner.

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

No Report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri (as posted)

The Chief mentioned the following items:

Company 8 currently has 21 members with 5 members delinquent in their time requirement.

For 2011 we had a good 24 rate: Under 2% - 5,576 calls with 108 no responses. Unfortunately, 2012 started with multiple 24's. I ask all members to try to answer a back up call and come in to do your required shift or get a replacement.

EMT Refresher will be starting in a couple of months and challenge is 2/25.

Longevity Awards:

- Robin Smiles – 15 years
- Mark Brenner – 35 years

Outback EMS Provider of the Month- Carol Nucci

First Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

No report (On a call).

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

It is becoming more common for Suffolk PD to be riding on our Ambulance as ALS providers when we can't cover ALS. Suffolk PD currently has 3 ALS providers that are willing to help us out. Please be sure that a day Captain or ALS provider is notified so that the ALS cabinet can be restocked, checked out, and Locked after a call.

The January Review Training is online. We are encouraging everyone to take the Exam online. If it's taken online you do not need to fill out a LOSAP form. Please contact me with any questions regarding online training, Logon's, or computer related questions. There will come a time where all review trainings will be on line and I want to make sure that everyone understands the process.

I am looking for someone who can sew our patches on the winter blankets. Anyone interested let me know.

There will be a bin placed in the Truck Room outside the dispatch office. Please place equipment in need of repairs in the bin. The bin will be checked periodically. Please contact me or the day captain for immediate repairs.

It's Cold And Flu Season, Don't forget to Sanitize the Ambulances and use proper PPE.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Paul Biersack

BUILDING

- Basement was flooded by a leak in the soda machine late last month. Basement has since been dried out, inspected by the claims adjuster and I'm awaiting feedback on what needs to be done in order to proceed with repair work.
- Overhead lights in the women's ready room bathroom have been replaced.

- Several exterior light bulbs have been replaced by Dale Bartolomeo.

VEHICLES

- New registration documents have been added to all vehicles with “Ambulance” plates. This includes 2-15-16, 17, 19 and 20. For reference, I’ve been told that vehicles with “Official” plates do not require annual registration stickers but are still OK to drive. This includes 2-15-21, 80, 81 and 82.
- The charger for the portable radio on 2-15-17 has been fixed. A small object fell into the charger and was preventing the portable radio from seating completely. Removed the object and the portable radio now fits properly and charges.
- Blue lens replacements are steadily being completed by Bernard Poole. Replacement of the amber lens on 2-15-19 has been delayed because the ambulance has amber LED modules that need to be replaced as well. Blue LEDs are on order.
- The serpentine belt on 2-15-19 is slipping and will be looked at by Ace. I ask that all riding crew members ensure that overhead lights, exhaust fans, etc are turned off from their respective consoles before leaving the ambulance parked anywhere. Allowing these components to turn off with the battery is insufficient because when the Driver turns the ambulance on, the initial draw puts a strain on the batteries, the alternator and connected belts. In colder weather, the belts are likely to slip and generate loud screeching noises from the engine but more importantly, the initial draw puts a strain on the electrical components.
- Lastly, 2-15-18 is not yet fully stocked, has not yet been inspected by NYSEMS and has no license plates mounted on it. Punch list items have been worked on by Pro-Liner and I think 2nd Deputy is working on having the ambulance fully stocked, after which NYSEMS will be invited to inspect the ambulance. Once everything is completely stocked and the ambulance passes inspection, I will add the license plates and put the vehicle in rotation.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

I would like to refer to the January pulse;

We never take a call from any phone line and tell the caller to dial 911. We are to take the information of the call and treat it as though the call came from Medcom that includes paging for crews, manpower or ALS.

The Dispatcher phones Medcom and provides them with the information of the call and the status of the call. HCFAS is here to serve the community by providing an ambulance and emergency care to the patient.

Last year 2011 was a busy year and is a distant memory already. Our call volume was 5576 calls, which maintained our average of 15 plus calls per day.

2626 of those calls were ALS calls which is 47% of our entire volume.

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Of that total 1521 were responded to by an ALS provider, which is an ALS response of 58%.

Suffolk County FRES charged HCFAS with 108 no responses, which was a no response rate of 1.94%.

Our response time, from the time of the call to our on scene time average was 7.1 min.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (as posted)

Happy New Year everyone - help is needed Sunday so please keep an ear out for the pagers. As the days get colder remember blankets in the ambulances and make sure the heat works in the ambulances- keep crew safety in mind as it is getting darker earlier -hope everyone has a safe and happy new year

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

-Dennis Vangroski #1274 is now in the ACL program
-Welcome to Audin Delva #1185 who is coming to the 1100 shift
-Rodriquens Gabriel #1224 is starting the Drivers Training Program
-Monique Moreno #1042 has returned to duty as Dispatcher
-David Mohr #748 has returned to full duty
-Andrew Taylor #1338 has passed his dispatching test, Congratulations

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.

We can use help on the 0700-1100 hour shift – Driver – so Al can do ALS.

Remember to clean up the kitchen when using it.

When the rigs fuel gauges is below ½, please fill them up.

If you like to dispatch, you are more than welcome to come in on the 1100 & 1500 shifts.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

Congratulations to Fiona Witkowski on passing her ambulance orientation and is now riding.

I have a CL vacancy on both the 7-11 and 11-3 pm shift. Good company 8 opportunities

Please keep an ear out with your pagers as Wednesday can always get busy.

A reminder to our ALS providers - Make sure the proper equipment goes in with you... You never know.

Thank you for everyone doing their review trainings and checkouts, keep up the great work

Remember if you can't make your shift, you need to call some people to see if they can cover you.

That's all for now.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan

Help is needed on the 1500 hour shift – Driver and Crewleader.

Help is needed on the 2300 hour shift – Dispatcher, Crewleader and First Aiders.

Friday Co. 5 – Kurt Vetter

Thank you for your support in electing me Friday Day Captain tonight.

I will have a report next month.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

First, my thanks for electing me to be a Day Captain in 2012 I am truly honored and will do my best to make your day and your shift enjoyable this coming year. Thanks also to Keith Davis for his help in the transition. I am confidently moving forward.

In my first attempt to distribute a roster, I sent it to the Friday crews (don't ask me how I did that). On my next attempt I got the right day, but forgot the attachment, finally, on the 3rd try, I got it right. So, onward and upward from there.

It was a rather ominous start to 2012 for the Saturday overnight with 9 calls coming in within the first 4 hours of the new year and over 20 for the day, including 2 at the infamous Paramount in Huntington. My congratulations to all the members on the overnight shift and to all that came in as backup to cover every call.

Congratulations to Chris Daddura on coming off probation.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Tom Hogan who recently suffered a leg injury and will be out of commission for a while.

This year I will be encouraging all members on Saturday who are in training as dispatchers, drivers, or Crew Leaders to really step it up and complete their training. I've asked them to let me know their current standing in their training and I will assist them in any way I can to finish. Finally, to all Company 8 members, I am extending an open invitation to come and join us on any shift, but especially on the 3-7, where we are understaffed due to Tom's injury.

If I've left anything or anyone out, I apologize. But let me say in closing, Thanks again.

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 17th at 8PM at Central Islip Hauppauge 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 January 18th at 8PM at Southampton Ambulance.

Committee Reports:

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Credit for 2011 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2011 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, 2012 for property tax year 12/01/12 to 11/30/13. 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, 2012, 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 3/1/12 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/12), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 17, 2012. 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, 2012.

For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2012, 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 3/1/12 because you intend to take the \$200 NYS income tax credit for calendar year 2012, please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 17th.

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.

Post 215- Sheryl Roach

- A field trip is planned for the Med Com facility in January or February.
- A recruitment video and replacement of HCFAS 911 signs is in progress as 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

CMEs – Pam Brenner

Classes are on the Website.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty

Installation dinner invitations have been mailed. Please respond back.

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

Driver Training – Vito Reciniello – Currently revising Driving Training Manual – minor changes only.

Old business:

None

New business:

None

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

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, Roger Winter and Mary Winter.

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. \$25.00 Gift Card Outback Steakhouse – Tyler Gibbs
2. \$25.00 Gift Card Outback Steakhouse – Mary Jane Woznick
3. Pindar – Pythagoras Red Table Wine (VSS Security) – Andrew Taylor
4. Snow Broom and Salt – Lehti Laas
5. Plant – Andy Ball
6. Cup Cakes (Lehti Laas) – Gerry Giacomini
7. Cup Cakes (Lehti Laas) - Megan Meyer

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Tom O’Leary to adjourn the meeting at 2130 hours. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: January 31, 2012

Approved: February 13, 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

2nd Reading – January 9, 2012 – Vote tabled to February GMM meeting.

**Huntington Community First Aid Squad, Inc. (HCFAS)
Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy**

Introduction:

HCFAS members represent HCFAS not only when they are involved in HCFAS activities, but also in their public and semi-public behavior outside HCFAS activities. HCFAS is committed to maintaining positive public perception of HCFAS and its members. HCFAS reserves the right to regulate and impose sanctions on members whose public and semi-public behavior is contrary to the best interests of HCFAS. The evolution of the internet and particularly social media has created a new category of public and semi-public behavior. Users and participants in social networking and internet communication often overlook the public or semi-public nature of their publications. The Board of Directors of HCFAS, in consultation with counsel, have determined that social networking and internet communications that are observed by or called to the attention of the Board or HCFAS officers are, by definition, public or semi-public behavior. This policy is adopted for the guidance of the membership.

HCFAS has created the following policy regarding the use of social networking and internet communications by its members. It is the responsibility of HCFAS members (members) to utilize and understand this and all other Policies, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), and By-Laws of HCFAS.

HCFAS Board of Directors (BOD) and Operational Officers strive for a civil work environment on and off the premises. Therefore, all members are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner to fellow members, community partners (i.e. Police and Fire personnel), co-responders and patients. Such conduct includes any activities that may be conducted online. The same rules listed in the By-Laws, SOP, and Policies apply to HCFAS members engaging in communication through blogs and social networking sites as in other areas of their on- and off-duty conduct.

Members are advised to choose words and content carefully when referring to HCFAS and its members. Members should always exercise good judgment before posting. The malicious use of online social networks, including derogatory language about any member; demeaning statements about or threats to any third party; incriminating photos or statements depicting hazing, sexual harassment, vandalism, stalking, underage drinking, illegal drug use, or any other inappropriate behavior, will be subject to disciplinary action by HCFAS.

Members are not restricted from using any online social network site and/or digital platform. However, users must understand that any content they make public via online social networks or digital platforms is expected to follow acceptable social behaviors and also to comply with federal and New York State laws, rules, regulations and policies, and HCFAS By-Laws, SOP and Policies.

HCFAS Member Conduct:

HCFAS reserves the right to monitor members off-duty activity as it applies to HCFAS with regard to social networking or blogging and apply disciplinary action should it be determined that a member's conduct is not in keeping with our Policies or the best interest of the corporation.

As a member you are a representative of HCFAS. Please keep the following in mind as you participate online:

- HCFAS may monitor these web sites. Misuse may result in expulsion.
- Sharing Protected Health Information (PHI). PHI includes, but is not limited to:
 - The patient's name, address, age, race, extent or nature of illness or injury, hospital destination, and crew member names
 - Posting film, photos, videos, or images of any kind which could potentially identify patients, addresses, vehicle license plate numbers, or any other PHI
- Posting film, photos, videos, or images of any kind with:
 - HCFAS's name in the shot that may negatively impact the image perception, or mission of HCFAS and/or
 - HCFAS members, wearing any apparel that signifies the identification of HCFAS such as name, insignia, abbreviation, initials and/or logo, are considered representatives of HCFAS and such items should not be worn in places, situations, or areas that may negatively impact the image perception or mission of HCFAS
- Sharing confidential or proprietary information about HCFAS

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- Posting or other online activities which are inconsistent with or would negatively impact HCFAS's reputation
- Engaging in vulgar or abusive language, disrespectful, inflammatory, derogatory, or discriminatory statements, personal attacks, or offensive terms targeting HCFAS members, co-responders, or protected classes (i.e. race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and family status)
- Posting statements which may be perceived as disrespectful, inflammatory, derogatory, or discriminatory statements against HCFAS, its members, or co-responders
- Where a connection to HCFAS is apparent, members should make it clear that they are speaking for themselves and not on behalf of HCFAS. In these circumstances, the following disclaimer is recommended: "The views expressed on this [blog; website] are my own and do not reflect the views of HCFAS." Furthermore, members should consider adding this language in an "About me" section of their blog or social networking profile. This disclaimer does not by itself exempt members from a higher degree of responsibility when blogging; members should remember that their online behavior should still reflect and be consistent with HCFAS By-Laws, SOP, and Policies.

Posting Online Comments on Third-Party Sites (response to news articles, posts on other people's sites, or blogs):

If a member communicates in the public Internet about HCFAS or HCFAS related matters, they should disclose their association with HCFAS and their position with HCFAS. Members should always make every effort to ensure accuracy and use of good judgment in all their communications. Errors and omissions reflect poorly on HCFAS and may result in liability for the corporation and the member making the communication.

Sanctions for failure to agree and adhere to this policy will result in actions ranging from suspension to dismissal from HCFAS. It is the intention of HCFAS to achieve a level of conduct that reflects positively on all of us. This policy is to be used as a guideline and is consistent with policies established by HCFAS.

Violations of HCFAS policy or evidence of such violations in the content of social networks or digital platforms are subject to investigation by HCFAS. They are also subject to investigation by law enforcement agencies.

Members are advised to report any complaints to the Chief of Operations or the BOD. Anonymous complaints due to fear of retaliation will be considered.

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Pre Meeting Class / Demonstration - Explorer Post 215 – Gourmet Cookie Dough Fund Drive

Guests: Tim Glynn of Glynn Mercep Purcell LLP (Squad Attorney) was invited to the meeting to discuss and answer any questions concerning the proposed Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy and proposed By-Laws amendment 05-2011.

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (75 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 and Chris Mallilo's #1234 Father (Grandfather) is still very ill, prayers are needed, calls are welcome.
- Life Member Mary Ann Johnson #209 was hospitalized recently, at this time she is home recovering.
- Eileen Burns was hospitalized recently and is home recovering. See the bulletin board for details.
- Andrea Golinsky's, # 315, husband Mike was hospitalized and had surgery recently. Mike is home recovering, calls are welcome.
- Jerry Giacomini's, #349, wife Jean is ill get well wishes and prayers needed.
- Sheryl Roach was hospitalized for observation recently she is home now, get well wishes are welcome.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of:

- Jim Mallilo's #1030 and Christopher Mallilo #1234 Mother/Grandmother Trudy Mallilo has passed away.
- Life Member, Ellen C. (Cory) Taylor #367 passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2011. The following was written in her obituary; "...In the late 1960's she was a pioneer paramedic for the Huntington Community First Aid Squad (a forerunner of the nation's volunteer/ emergency squad). Corinne was a captain, deputy chief and then elected to the prestigious rank of "Life Member". She was involved in a hostage situation, the Avianca Airlines crash rescue, and delivered a baby among other remarkable rescues..."
- Former member John Hall #949 and a member of Huntington Manor Fire Department announces' the passing of his father Garrett Hall.

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Bernie Hershkowitz to change the order of the meeting for discussion of the proposed HCFAS Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy and discussion and vote on the proposed By-Laws amendment 05-2011.

Unanimous

Proposed HCFAS Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy

President Winter opened the floor for discussion of the proposed policy.

Discussion: Tim Glynn responded to member's questions. A concern is that HCFAS reserves the right to monitor member's off-duty activity as it applies to HCFAS with social networking or blogging.

See the end of minutes below for the proposed Social Networking & Internet Policy.

Proposed By-Laws Amendment 05-2011

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Bernie Hershkowitz to untable the proposed By-Laws Amendment 05-2011 for discussion and vote.

Unanimous

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President Winter opened the floor for discussion of the proposed By-Laws amendment 05-2011 which would change the time requirement of Associate Membership to include time as a Youth Squad member.

Discussion: Tim Glynn responded to member's questions.

Secretary Franz took a roll call and ballots were distributed.

Ballot vote results: Yes -17 votes and No – 46 votes.

Amendment did not pass.

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

Unanimous

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

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Bernie Hershkowitz and seconded by Tom O'Leary to accept the January 9, 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Motion Carried (1 Abstain)

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: Laura Treulich and Ronald Brownsr.

Bob acknowledged with Thanks the members that assisted with the By-Laws amendment vote this evening.

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.

The committee list for 2012 has been created. It, as always is a work in progress as people change during the year.

Board Actions since last meeting

- Motions for Consideration Format – As amended , unanimous
- Suffolk County Ambulance Chief's Association Dues \$100 – Vote, Pass Unanimous
- Annual contribution to Suffolk County Ambulance Chief's Association \$500.00 – Tabled 1/26/2012
- The Not-So-Irish-Band, St Patrick's Day Celebration – Vote, Pass Unanimous
- Contribution of \$1,000.00 to the NYSVA&RA – Withdrawn
- Disc Jockey Installation & Inspection Dinner 2012 – Vote, Pass Unanimous
- Photographer for the Installation Dinner – Vote, Pass Unanimous
- Explorer Post Activities for 2012 – Vote, Pass Unanimous
- Explorer Post 215 Fundraisers – Vote, Pass Unanimous

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- SCM Annual Maintenance Contract for Software and Hardware – vote, Pass 7-1-0
- Snow Removal Contract Amendment in include “Magic Salt” Vote, Pass unanimous
- Susan Manning request for General Meeting Room Request – Vote, Pass unanimous
- Un-Table Annual contribution to Suffolk County Chief’s Association \$500. – not supported
- Annual Contribution to Suffolk County Ambulance Chief’s Association \$500 – withdrawn no support from being tabled.
- Contribution of \$1,000.00 to the NYSVA&RA – withdrawn, no second to Andrea Golinsky’s motion.
- Town of Huntington Earth Day Event – Touch–A-Truck – Vote, Pass unanimous
- Agreement between the Huntington Community Ambulance District Town of Huntington and the Huntington Community First Aid Squad for 2012 – Vote, Pass 7-1-0
- Accept Town of Huntington, Huntington Community Ambulance District Budget 2012 – Vote, Pass 7-1-0
- Accept HCFAS Working Budget for 2012 – vote Pass 6-1-1
- Brian Quinn # 1256 General Meeting Room Request – Motion withdrawn
- I would like to thank Secretary Robert Franz for organizing and running the election and all the members who helped to make the election run smoothly.
- I would like to thank all the members who ran for office and I wish you all have a successful year.
- I would like to thank the membership for handling 5576 calls in 2011. Congratulations.
- I am working on the ID cards – new membership cards will out by the end of the month.

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

No Report.

Officers Report’s

Chief’s Report – John Palmieri

BLS crews do not use ALS equipment for blood pressures. There is a concern that newer members are not learning to take blood pressures with BP cuff & stethoscope.

There is a need for more drivers to respond to calls and reduce the number of 24s. Officers are discussing the possibility of having HFD & HMFD drivers as members provided they have ARC RTE & CPR cards. They are also re-examining our driver qualification requirement of being an EMT.

I ask all members to try to answer a back up call and come in to do your required shift or get a replacement.

EMT Refresher will be starting in a couple of months and challenge is 2/25.

Longevity Awards:

- Tony Cruz – 10 years of service
- Michael Marinello – 10 years of service
- Monique Moreno – 10 years of service
- Lehti Laas – 15 years of service

Outback EMS Provider of the Month- Tyler Gibbs

First Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

On January 21st eleven Squad members and four non –members braved the snowstorm and took the Driver Improvement Course. Our continued thanks go to the AAA and Karen Blackburn for bringing this course to the Squad.

New Members:

#1354	Melanie Thompson	Sunday 1100	Captain Keith Rubenstein
#1355	Maria Valentin	Sunday 1100	Captain Keith Rubenstein
#1356	Kristin VanBenschoten	Saturday 2300	Captain Mark Cappola
#1357	Elizabeth Ziembicki	Tuesday 1500	Captain Greg Orr

Job Well Done!!!

January 31, 2012 – Member Todd Atkin #993 while working as a Nassau County Police Officer responded to a call for a 40 year old female who had delivered a three-pound, 28 week, baby boy. He arrived on scene to find the mother holding a blue baby, saying she didn't even know she was pregnant. Todd and another officer proceeded to attempt to get the bay breathing, in conjunction with an arriving Medic, they proceeded to cut the umbilical cord and immediately transport the baby to the hospital. The baby finally began to breathe on his own as they arrived at the hospital. Baby and mother are both doing very well. Congratulations Todd on a job well done.

January 31, 2012 - Member Meagan Pereira #1344 while working at the Outback in Huntington heard a fellow worker yelling for the manager that a patron was choking, she immediately went over, recognized the choking sign, told the gentleman what she was going to do and performed the Heimlich maneuver. The object, an oyster cracker, was successfully dislodged and the airway was restored. The gentleman resumed having his steak dinner. Congratulations Meagan on a job well done.

Member Keith Tetrault - TOH security saves a man on the railroad tracks at the Huntington Train Station and was honored for his heroic efforts by the Town of Huntington Board.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

Peter Bergmann will be at HCFAS for CME reviews on Tuesday, February 28th at 3:30pm. You must call to schedule an appointment so that he has your paper work with him.

On Monday February 20th HCFAS will be joining the Civil Air Patrol's Search and Rescue

Training Academy and Melville FD for a Drill in West Hills County Park. We will be leaving HCFAS at 8:30am. Drill completion will be around 12 noon. Let me know if you are interested.

Please do not leave Blankets at the hospital. We are not getting them back.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Paul Biersack

BUILDING

- The motor for North Bay 1 has been repaired and North Bay 2 is useable again after being closed on top of an ambulance. I have estimate to replace the lower panel but have not done so yet. Discussion has been initiated about upgrading the bay doors one at a time and using the old doors and motors for spare parts but this is still in an exploratory stage. Will advise back when there is more information to provide. In the meantime, I ask that all Crew Leaders continue to operate the bay doors before and after an alarm, making sure that the ambulance has cleared the opening completely. If a Dispatcher feels the need to open or close the bay doors from the Dispatch Office, please check the overhead monitors and even look out the window to ensure the doorway is clear of personnel and vehicles first.
- Rich Stone discovered loss of heat in the 2nd floor administrative area and called Traditional Air. They found and replaced a bad thermostat and tested OK.
- Lighting in the front vestibule by the Elevator Lobby has been repaired.
- Lighting over the sinks of the 2nd floor Men's Room has been repaired with a new ballast.
- Restoration work in the basement is still pending after the flood from the Vending Room.

VEHICLES

- Units 16, 17, 19 and 80 have all undergone regular maintenance.
- Unit 17 had new front rotors and all brake pads replaced, plus the rear heating problem has been repaired after suffering a vacuum leak.
- Unit 18 is online and ready for service. I ask that all Drivers please familiarize yourself location of all controls and feel free to go for a test drive at the start of, or before, your shift get a feel for how it handles. For all crew members, please complete thorough checkouts and submit a Vehicle Maintenance form to the Third Deputy mailbox for any problems or concerns.
- Unit 19 had new front rotors and brake pads installed, both wipers replaced and has a new Streamlight charging base in the driver's side rear compartment after the old one cracked. The front passenger side door is out of alignment and we have estimates for repair, so that will be completed in coming weeks.
- Unit 20 had one tire replaced and a new console switch installed for the right scene lights. Also, the seat belt in the front passenger seat was reported broken. I looked at it and found that the plastic case around the seat belt buckle *cover* is broken, but *not* the seat belt or the seat belt mechanism. The seat belt still functions OK and so the ambulance has been put back in service. Unfortunately, the plastic seat belt buckle cover is not available without all of the other parts of the seat belt assembly, which is attached to the airbag deployment system and estimated in excess of \$1000 to replace. I am looking in to alternatives but until then, the plastic seatbelt buckle is taped together and should not present any problems.

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- Unit 21 had a problem with the clock on the rear wall. It fell off the wall and was directly wired to the ambulance for power. This has been referred back to Proliner for repair and improvement.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

Congratulations to our newest members.

#1354 Melanie Thompson Sunday 1100

#1355 Maria Valentin Sunday 1100

#1356 Kristin VanBenschoten Saturday 2300

#1357 Elizabeth Ziembicki Tuesday 1500

Most all have completed their initial dispatch training and are gathering practical hands on experience and proceeding to the CAD classes.

Most all of the necessary paperwork has found its way to the Chief Dispatchers box, to date I am only missing Red Book sheets for Sunday 1/22 and Wednesday 2/8.

To all crews remember to take the portable radio with you on scene and in the emergency room.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (as posted)

I would like to welcome our new member on the Sunday 1100-1500 shift Maria Valentin she has started her dispatcher training and also congratulate Dillon Harvey and Tim Quigley on starting acting CL. help is needed on Sundays on all shifts feel free to come do a shift or have your pagers on or just stop by. Hope to see everyone at the installation dinner. Have a good evening.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin (given by David Mohr)

I want to start by saying thanks to everyone that has answered back up calls; your help is much appreciated. Because of every ones help and support my first month has gone fairly smooth.

We have had 2 Mondays with 20 + calls, so it has been a busy start to the year

Joe Gander Jr. is off probation

Welcome back Paul Mori

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We have had two 24's so far this year, both while multiple calls were in progress.

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Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr (given by Casey Orr)

New Member - #1357 Elizabeth Ziembicki Tuesday 1500 – Welcome

Chris Vultaggio passed his dispatch training test two weeks ago.

Ann Schwartz is in the ACL program.

Spike Ishikawa was passed to full Driver status.

For January we had 52 calls and NO 24s.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo (as posted)

Please keep an ear out with your pagers as Wednesday can always get busy.

Help is needed on 0700-Driver; 1100-Crewleader; 1500-First Aiders.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan

Friday Co. 5 – Kurt Vetter

1. I want to thank everyone or their support. All have been really cooperative and helpful'

2. We have had 2 "24s" so far in February.

3. All shifts are fully staffed and most all but one have two crews.

The 1100 to 1500 is lacking a driver on the second due but Sal Signorelli has been lending a hand.

4. We need a first aider on the 0700 to 1100 shift.

5. Welcome back to Mary Sisinni to the 1100 to 1500 shift.

6. Welcome to Laurie Hoffman who has joined the overnight.

7. Tom Lemp has agreed to maintain inventory in the BLS room every Friday morning.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

Saturday continues to run smoothly with only a smattering of issues and only two 24's since January 1.

We seem to be the Snow Day so far this winter as the only 2 “notable snowfalls this year have occurred on Saturday. However, we getting the calls covered thanks to the regular crews showing up and with a lot of help from backup personnel who love to play in the snow. You all know who you are and I thank you.

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We have "special persons" day today! Congratulations to Meagan Pereira who not only passed her dispatch test but also had a "Save" recently when she performed the Heimlich maneuver on a patron at Outback and dislodged an object that had totally blocked his airway. WAY TO GO MEAGAN!

Congratulations to Matty Lupinacci who is now a full-fledged EMT.

Welcome new member Kristin vanBenschoten # 1356 to the Saturday overnight.

Continued best wishes to Tom Hogan for a speedy recovery.

If anyone is planning on NOT going to the Installation Dinner on Feb 25 and would like to come in and do a shift, I can use the help anytime from 1500 on. Commack will have a full crew here, but I can use a backup crew as page-outs during the dinner will probably yield poor results.

As always, I am extending an open invitation to come and join us on any shift, but especially on the 3-7, where we are understaffed.

Delegate Reports:

NYSVA&RA- Andrea Golinsky.

Your NYSVA&RA membership card has been placed in your mail folder.

Bob and I attended the State Association board meeting at the end of January. There was a discussion on the proposed changes to Public Health Law Article 30 included in Governor's Cuomo's 2012 budget bill. These proposed changes are the result of the Spending And Government Efficiency (SAGE) Commission. An EMS Coalition consisting of NYSVA&RA, FASNY, NYS Association of Fire Chiefs and UNYAN (proprietary ambulances) has been formed as a united front to discuss these changes with the various legislators. If the changes are enacted, they are requesting that they are effective no less than 180 days after passage into law.

The Association will have a booth at the Fire EMS Mega Show at the Nassau Coliseum on February 25th & 26th. Drop by and say hello.

Pulse Check 2012 will be held October 11th to 14th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Suffern, NY. As more information is received, it will be posted on the bulletin board.

District 7 – NYSVA&RA –Bob Franz

The next meeting will be Tuesday February 21st at 8PM at North Amityville FD – there will be a CME on Trauma Triage starting at 6:30PM. 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 February 15th at 8PM at Wyandanch -Wheatley Heights Ambulance.

Committee Reports:

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Credit for 2011 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2011 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, 2012 for property tax year 12/01/12 to 11/30/13. 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, 2012, 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 3/1/12 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/12), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 17, 2012. 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, 2012.

For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2012, 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 3/1/12 because you intend to take the \$200 NYS income tax credit for calendar year 2012, please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 17th.

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.

Post 215- Sheryl Roach

- Cookie Dough Fund Raiser in progress...
- The placement of HCFAS 911 signs has been completed by Eagle Scout Candidate Dan Roach.
- New Boundary Signs have been installed.
- Ice skating event with Boy Scout Troop 218 at the Syosset-Woodbury rink planned.
- Fund Raising Event at Mama Luchia a success Boy Scout Troop 218. For Eagle Scout Project.
- Med-Com Tour to take place.

ALS – Alyssa Axelrod

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Alyssa gave an ePCR report after attending a SCEMS presentation after the ePCR software was updated by Zolls Data Systems.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty:

2/25/12 Installation dinner invitations – please respond back – table seating arrangements are being made.

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

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

Fund Drive - Sal Signorelli

The 2012 budget has been submitted to the BOD for approval.

Old business:

None

New business:

None

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committees: Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Claire Tesoriero.

Set-up committee: Roger Winter and Mary Winter.

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Pindar – Pythagoras Red Table Wine (VSS Security) – Kathy Castillo
2. Valentine Candy – Megan Pereira
3. Valentine Candy – Keith Davis
4. Valentine Candy – Mary Brenner

Motion by Ferd Neumann and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to adjourn the meeting at 2130 hours. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: March 1, 2012

Approved: March 12, 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

2nd Reading – January 9, 2012 – Vote tabled to February GMM meeting.

Vote – February 13, 2013 – Yes 17 No 46

**Huntington Community First Aid Squad, Inc. (HCFAS)
Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy**

Introduction:

HCFAS members represent HCFAS not only when they are involved in HCFAS activities, but also in their public and semi-public behavior outside HCFAS activities. HCFAS is committed to maintaining positive public perception of HCFAS and its members. HCFAS reserves the right to regulate and impose sanctions on members whose public and semi-public behavior is contrary to the best interests of HCFAS. The evolution of the internet and particularly social media has created a new category of public and semi-public behavior. Users and participants in social networking and internet communication often overlook the public or semi-public nature of their publications. The Board of Directors of HCFAS, in consultation with counsel, have determined that social networking and internet communications that are observed by or called to the attention of the Board or HCFAS

officers are, by definition, public or semi-public behavior. This policy is adopted for the guidance of the membership.

HCFAS has created the following policy regarding the use of social networking and internet communications by its members. It is the responsibility of HCFAS members (members) to utilize and understand this and all other Policies, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), and By-Laws of HCFAS.

HCFAS Board of Directors (BOD) and Operational Officers strive for a civil work environment on and off the premises. Therefore, all members are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner to fellow members, community partners (i.e. Police and Fire personnel), co-responders and patients. Such conduct includes any activities that may be conducted online. The same rules listed in the By-Laws, SOP, and Policies apply to HCFAS members engaging in communication through blogs and social networking sites as in other areas of their on- and off-duty conduct.

Members are advised to choose words and content carefully when referring to HCFAS and its members. Members should always exercise good judgment before posting. The malicious use of online social networks, including derogatory language about any member; demeaning statements about or threats to any third party; incriminating photos or statements depicting hazing, sexual harassment, vandalism, stalking, underage drinking, illegal drug use, or any other inappropriate behavior, will be subject to disciplinary action by HCFAS.

Members are not restricted from using any online social network site and/or digital platform. However, users must understand that any content they make public via online social networks or digital platforms is expected to follow acceptable social behaviors and also to comply with federal and New York State laws, rules, regulations and policies, and HCFAS By-Laws, SOP and Policies.

HCFAS Member Conduct:

HCFAS reserves the right to monitor members off-duty activity as it applies to HCFAS with regard to social networking or blogging and apply disciplinary action should it be determined that a member's conduct is not in keeping with our Policies or the best interest of the corporation.

As a member you are a representative of HCFAS. Please keep the following in mind as you participate online:

- HCFAS may monitor these web sites. Misuse may result in expulsion.
- Sharing Protected Health Information (PHI). PHI includes, but is not limited to:
 - The patient's name, address, age, race, extent or nature of illness or injury, hospital destination, and crew member names
 - Posting film, photos, videos, or images of any kind which could potentially identify patients, addresses, vehicle license plate numbers, or any other PHI
- Posting film, photos, videos, or images of any kind with:

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- HCFAS's name in the shot that may negatively impact the image perception, or mission of HCFAS and/or
- HCFAS members, wearing any apparel that signifies the identification of HCFAS such as name, insignia, abbreviation, initials and/or logo, are considered representatives of HCFAS and such items should not be worn in places, situations, or areas that may negatively impact the image perception or mission of HCFAS

- Sharing confidential or proprietary information about HCFAS
- Posting or other online activities which are inconsistent with or would negatively impact HCFAS's reputation
- Engaging in vulgar or abusive language, disrespectful, inflammatory, derogatory, or discriminatory statements, personal attacks, or offensive terms targeting HCFAS members, co-responders, or protected classes (i.e. race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and family status)
- Posting statements which may be perceived as disrespectful, inflammatory, derogatory, or discriminatory statements against HCFAS, its members, or co-responders
- Where a connection to HCFAS is apparent, members should make it clear that they are speaking for themselves and not on behalf of HCFAS. In these circumstances, the following disclaimer is recommended: "The views expressed on this [blog; website] are my own and do not reflect the views of HCFAS." Furthermore, members should consider adding this language in an "About me" section of their blog or social networking profile. This disclaimer does not by itself exempt members from a higher degree of responsibility when blogging; members should remember that their online behavior should still reflect and be consistent with HCFAS By-Laws, SOP, and Policies.

Posting Online Comments on Third-Party Sites (response to news articles, posts on other people's sites, or blogs):

If a member communicates in the public Internet about HCFAS or HCFAS related matters, they should disclose their association with HCFAS and their position with HCFAS. Members should always make every effort to ensure accuracy and use of good judgment in all their communications. Errors and omissions reflect poorly on HCFAS and may result in liability for the corporation and the member making the communication.

Sanctions for failure to agree and adhere to this policy will result in actions ranging from suspension to dismissal from HCFAS. It is the intention of HCFAS to achieve a level of conduct that reflects positively on all of us. This policy is to be used as a guideline and is consistent with policies established by HCFAS.

Violations of HCFAS policy or evidence of such violations in the content of social networks or digital platforms are subject to investigation by HCFAS. They are also subject to investigation by law enforcement agencies.

Members are advised to report any complaints to the Chief of Operations or the BOD. Anonymous complaints due to fear of retaliation will be considered.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
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Date: March 12, 2012

Officers:

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

Pre Meeting Class / Demonstration

RAD 57 Demonstration by Second Deputy Chief Tim Ebert
Demonstration of a new oxygen bag for the ambulance.

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (75 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 and Chris Mallilo's #1234 Father (Grandfather) is still very ill, prayers are needed, calls are welcome.

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- Andrea Golinsky's, # 315, husband Mike was hospitalized .Mike is home recovering, calls are welcome.
- Jerry Giacomini's, #349, wife Jean is still ill, get well wishes and prayers needed.
- Caroline Masten #1212 was injured in a MVA recently, hospitalized overnight. She is home recovering. Calls and prayers are welcome.
- Eileen Burns has been hospitalized again; prayers and get well wishes are welcome.
- Jim Barkocy #578 is hospitalized and is undergoing a procedure. We expect him out soon. Prayers and calls are welcome.

We Mourn the Loss of:

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of the following:

- Keith Rubenstein's, #1154, grandmother passed away
- Mary Davis, Karen Martin's #1118, grandmother, passed away.
- Carl Zazzarino, Gina Angevine #1073 and Dylan # 1335, father/grandfather has passed away. See the white board for further information.
- Edwin Lewis Autz, Eric Autz's #903, father passed away.
- Dr. Gary Saget brother of Bedel Saget #1175, passed away unexpectedly, services are posted on the white board.

Longevity Awards – President Winter

A tale of 3 members: they do not want to be honored with any fanfare; they all have bounced back after an illness to continue on with their membership. They are quiet, efficient at the squad, you can always count on them to be on time and give that extra effort that is the sign of an outstanding member.

Mike Barker – 20 years of service

Driver, Chief Dispatcher 4 times, CPR and RTE instructor for years, he understands the need for that good first impression. When people take his class with his wife Nancy, we get a flood of new member applications a real Public Relations man for the squad. He was the Pulse Editor 3 years, on the oxygen committee, and public relations committee.

Kathy Leonard – 20 years of service

Was a Crew leader, now a permanent dispatcher on Thursday 500-1900 shift.

Joanne Vogel – 20 years of service

Life Member, Crewleader, Driver, Captain Co.5, 2nd Deputy Chief, Driver Trainer, First Aid Supply Chair, Schedule coordinator, Post 215 Advisor,

Thank all of you for 20 years of outstanding service.

Power Point Presentation by 1st Deputy Chief David Mohr

24's – How Do We Reduce Them? A Comprehensive Approach

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Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Bernie Hershkowitz and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to accept the February 13, 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

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Incoming: Thank you letters: Member Eileen Burns and Robin Jedlicka, homeowner.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

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- ❖ I would like to thank everybody who marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade; I would like to thank all those members who answered calls during the parade. I would like to thank Chief John Palmieri and his Officer Corps for organizing the members for the parade.
- ❖ A special thank you goes out to Chief Cook Brian Canty for the wonderful corned beef and to Lisa & David Mohr for the preparation of the meal which included the expert carving of the meat. The room set up, serving and break down was done by Dominic Heavey, Peggy Coyle and Mary Winter. I am sure that all of you had a wonderful time.

Board Actions since the last meeting

- Brian Quinn #1256 General Meeting Room Request
- Fund Drive
- Memorandum of Understanding (Agreement) Jamie McCrae 2012-2014
- FIRE, RESCUE & EMS MEGA SHOW 2012 at the Nassau Coliseum
- Huntington Township Fire Chiefs Council Dues
- Non-Payment of Dues 2012
- NYSVA&RA Legislative Day on April 30, 2012
- Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- Firefighter Cancer Support Network
- Brian Quinn Paramedic Program
- Pager Purchase
- Engrave Pagers
- Schedule Roll-over for the Captains
- Traditional Air Conditioning Systems & Service annual agreement 2012
- Bike Patrol 3 Lifepak CRPlus Defibrillators
- Mets EMS Night

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

No Report submitted.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

Outback EMS Provider of the Month- Pam Brenner

INSTALLATION DINNER - February 25, 2012

Operational Officers Awards For 2011 – The Chief presented the following 2011 awards:

Probationary Member of the Year – George Reeder

Dispatcher of the Year- Mary Brenner

BLS Provider of the Year- Tom O'Leary

ALS Provider of the Year- Paul Kelly

Excellence in the Field- Mark Brenner

Longevity Awards – 20 years of service

Mike Barker

Kathy Leonard

Joanne Vogel

St. Patrick's Day Parade – We all looked great. Thank you Sheryl Roach for having 17 Explorer Post members marching with us. Thank you Brian Canty, Lisa Mohr and David Mohr for the tasty corned beef and cabbage meal. Thank you Mark Cappola and the not so Irish music group. Thank you to the crews that handled all the calls during the parade.

John spoke about the Paramount Theater calls and everyone did a great job. The Town of Huntington will be meeting with the theater operators to discuss future venues and emergency services. John asked members not to call in to complain or offer dispatching advices when there are multiple calls. The dispatcher did a good job on Saturday evening.

John thanked Brian and his committee for the outstanding installation dinner on February 25th.

Our 24 rate was pretty good for 2011 but 2012 is starting off with a higher percentage. There is a need for more drivers and the past proposed by-laws change that failed to pass is being reworked. John encouraged everyone to sign up for an extra shift.

There will be a stand by for the TOH tulip festival.

First Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

~ Certifications – we have an uncomfortable number of members who appear to not be certified in accordance with the By-Laws or whose certifications are going down in the next couple of months and we don't see them in any recertification program. When you take a class, especially an RTE, CPR or EMT course, it is imperative that you make a copy of your card upon

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completion and give it to your Captain and the First Deputy. If you are claiming reimbursement, you must also attach a copy of the card to the appropriate reimbursement form. Please remember that maintaining your certifications is your responsibility. If you are unsure if your cards are up to-date or not ask your Captain, they all have lists.

~ There will be a RTE Challenge Course offered this Thursday evening at 8:00p. If your cards are down, you MUST take this course to continue riding.

~ We are also missing driver license info on some members; again your Captains have lists.

~ Dispatchers, please remember to enter people doing back-up on the back-up log for the Outback EMS Provider of the Month.

New Members

Member #	First Name	Last Name	Day	Shift	Captain
1358	Jeffery	Daniels	Saturday	1100-1500	Mark Cappola
1359	Jeannette	Russell	Wednesday	0700-1100	Alison Russo
1360	Angela	Wallace	Wednesday	1100-1500	Alison Russo

Job Well Done!!!

January 31, 2012 – CPR Save, **Crewleader Martha Brenner, #236, Driver Tom O’Leary, #1187, First Aider Pat Brumm, #1117, were backed up by Keith Davis, #1208 and Tyler Gibbs, #1252,** in 80. As they arrived on the scene SCPD was shocking the patient. The patients pulse and breathing was restored. The crew transported the patient to the hospital where she is recovering. Congratulations Martha, Tom, Pat, Tyler and Keith on a job well done.

March 3, 2012 – The Squad was called by the SCPD to the Paramount Theater for a stand-by for the Barstool Blackout Tour. Before a crew could even be requested, the first of five calls came in for the event. Multiple crews transported all five patients as well as handling a total of 16 calls in a 12 hour period. **Captain Mark Cappola** coordinated operation at the Squad, while **Deputy Chief David Mohr** was in incident commander at the Paramount. A total of 23 members and **Ex-Rescue Captain Jamie Spear from Halesite FD** assisted Mark and David that night including **Bency Jean Baptiste, Lenise Booth, Bobby Loysch, Jody Kavanagh, Fritz Barreau, Spencer Newman, Matty Lupinacci, Kristin VanBenSchoten, Liz Mohr, 3rd Dep. Paul Biersack, Amanda Manning, Meagan Pereira, Matt Valle, Orlando Salcedo, Kathy Castillo, Nicole Mendito, Jeff O’Neill, Brendan Fitts, Brian Canty, Tyler Gibbs, Dale Bartolomeo, Chris Fischer and Joe Grant.** Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Second Deputy Chief’s Report – Tim Ebert

After 13 years as the Narcotic’s chair. Al Szigethy is stepping down. Thank you Al for your many years of service. Michelle Miller will be taking over as chair. Good Luck to Michelle.

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ALS Providers, Please see Alyssa Axelrod for a key to the Nitrox. Once all ALS providers have received a key the Nitrox will be locked.

An example of a combined O2/BLS bag is being demonstrated tonight so please let us know what you think.

The RAD57 is here tonight for anyone who would like to familiarize themselves with it.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Paul Biersack

BUILDING

Problems reported in the Exercise Room during last General Membership Meeting:

- Treadmill was reported not working. I found that treadmill was not plugged in to any electrical outlets and once plugged in, the treadmill and display seem to function OK.
- Recumbent cycle display panel was reported dead. Spoke with a member of the Exercise Committee and was advised that the display panel only functions when the cycle is being pedaled. Also found that the rechargeable battery goes dead with lack of use and that can cause the display to stop working. I ordered an A/C adapter for the cycle and once plugged it in to an electrical outlet, display and cycle seem to function OK.
- Floor cleaning machine was reported “broken” but I tested all functions and found no problems.
- Ken-Mar has replaced or inspected a majority of the fire extinguishers throughout the building. Please alert me to any remaining fire extinguishers labeled “2011”.
- Problem reported with heating/air conditioning in Admin wing again. Traditional Air is scheduled to investigate the problem later today.
- Restoration work in the basement is still pending after the flood from the Vending Room. Have met with a Contractor and received some estimates. *Work in progress.*
- Additional light bulbs have been purchased for the building.

VEHICLES

- New lug nuts and lug nut covers have been ordered for all ambulances.
- Weekly maintenance continues as scheduled.
- Unit 16
 - Problem with ambulance during transport to hospital March 1. Batteries died, ambulance would not start and transport was completed using a different ambulance. Batteries were complete dead and have been replaced.
 - Headlights reportedly flash/blink during normal, daytime operation but only after the ambulance is warmed up. This needs to be looked at further.
- Unit 18
 - The center console went dead due to a loose connection but is working again.

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- Problems reported with the locks on the ALS cabinet and drawers located beneath it. I had an ALS provider demonstrate the issue and it appears the insulation around the ALS cabinet puts some pressure on the cabinet door. ALS providers may need to alleviate some of the pressure by pushing on the door a little bit before operating the lock. Second to that, the locks on the cabinet and the drawers beneath it are being bent by too much force. Pro-liner is investigating a more permanent fix.
- There was an electrical problem of some sort evening of March 9. While transporting to the hospital, the crew reported smoke in to the patient module from vents in the ceiling. Crew stopped at HQ, swapped ambulances and finished transport to hospital. We were unable to determine the source of the smell or smoke and the vehicle was immediately taken off-line. Pro-liner is investigating further.
- Unit 19
 - Charging system was not functioning. Relocated ambulance to another bay and problem followed the ambulance. I corrected the power inverter and verified charging OK again.
 - The front passenger side door is out of alignment and we have estimates for repair. This will go out as soon as I verify body shop as an authorized vendor.
- Unit 20
 - Emergency lights were reportedly shutting down but I ran vehicle on the ramp for 10 minutes, under full load with no parking brake or high idle engaged and failed to replicate problem. No trouble found.
 - “Door Ajar” light reportedly lit only when headlights were on. I checked ambulance and determined that it was only the door ajar “label” that lights up and not the actual “indicator”. Center console glows with the dashboard lighting at night, which is normal.
 - There is a new, deep scratch along the outside of the rear module recently. Please use caution around street signs, low hanging branches, buildings, other vehicles, etc. Ambulances rock sideways on uneven terrain and it’s very easy to damage the sheet metal and surrounding paint. This will go to a body shop for repair.
 - Had new front rotors and brake pads installed and both wipers replaced
- Unit 21
 - The front driver’s side wheel makes a rattling noise due to the simulated wheel covers. This seems to be a recurring problem and Ace Auto is working on a fix.
- Unit 25
 - The auto eject charging receptacle for the shore line had some bent and broken pins. A replacement kit has been ordered and installed.
 - A fluid leak has been repaired due to a loose hose.
- Unit 80
 - UHF radio head up front broke. Chief Dispatcher authorized repair and Rich Stone is coordinating repairs with Norcom. There is currently no radio in the front console.
 - There is intermittent static/feedback audible from the speaker in the rear driver’s side door. This noise happens with the vehicle off and while disconnected from

the shore line and so it does not seem to be caused by the stereo in the dashboard.
Have had the Chief Dispatcher refer this to Norcom for investigation as well.

- Electrical outlet used for charging the portable suction unit in the right rear cubby hole is dead. Ace Auto has obtained a replacement and will install soon.

- Unit 81

- UHF radio head up front broke and has been repaired by Norcom.
- It was reported that 81 was stuck in 4WD low and that it was recently used to tow the trailer. I was able to successfully disengage 4WD low without any problems so I'm going to chalk this one up to operator error. Given the terrain and the mild winter, there is no reason for any Driver to be operating a responder vehicle in 4WD low. "4WD low" is reserved specifically for deep sand/snow/mud or climbing steep hills and only in speeds of 40MPH or less, none of which apply to the way these vehicles are intended to be used. "4WD high" can be used temporarily in slippery terrain such as fresh snow, slick ice or light mud but should not be left on. The absolute best setting is "Auto" as that will allow traction control and StabiliTrak functions to operate properly without causing major damage to the vehicle's transmission and 4WD transfer case.

- ALS committee and 2nd Deputy are in the process of obtaining locking cases for the nitrous oxide bottles and will distribute keys to ALS providers, at which time NO2 bottles will return to their previous locations in the left rear compartments outside the ambulance.

REMINDERS

- Please remember to call me at 631-793-0702 (the Third Deputy cell phone) for all urgent problems in the building and at any time a vehicle is taken out of service. If I am unable to answer, please leave a voicemail and I will follow up as soon as possible! For non-critical issues, please submit a maintenance form to the Third Deputy mailbox so that I may complete the repair and follow up if necessary.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

No report submitted.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (as posted)

It was nice seeing everyone that came out and marched in the St Patrick's Day parade. and also thank you everyone that helped with all the back up calls. Congratulations to Nicole Calderone she passed her dispatcher test. Help is always needed on Sunday's so come on down and help out. The Mets game is coming up sign up sheets are down stairs it's a fun time for you and your family.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin (as posted)

Mondays Rock!!!!

Congratulations to Mary Brenner, Mark Brenner, and George Reeder for their well deserved awards at the Installation Dinner

Thanks to:

Jeff O'Neill

Kurt Vetter

Israel Cortes

Joe Gander

Jeff Brenner

Liz Mohr

Kathy Castillo

Brian Canty

For helping out on shifts and answering back up calls.

Monique Moreno has returned to full duty

Reminder to crew members to check their expiration dates for their certification cards and make sure they are current. Please submit copies of certification cards upon receipt after completion of course.

Schedule is posted on web site; I am short on some of the shifts for CL/DR. If you are looking for Co. 8 time please come on down.

Monday's 1900 shift in need of driver currently due to I am taking the EMT refresher. You will be fed.....

Also, a big Thank You to Mark Brenner for washing an ambulance on Monday.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

125 calls and 3 24s – all on the 0700 -1100 shift.

Chris Vultaggio #1342 is set to take his ambulance orientation.

Ann Schwartz #1313 is continuing to be a acting crewleader.

Juan Flores #1293 is ready to be brought up to crewleader at the next officers meeting.

Meaghan Meyer #1244 is just about done with driver training calls.

I can use help on the 0700-1100 shift. I only have one crew.

I can use a dispatcher on the 1500 shift.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo (as posted)

Welcome aboard to company 4 Jeannette Russel and Angela Wallace our newest members that are currently in dispatch training.

Vacancies still available on the 11-3 for a crew leader

On 3-7 pm for 2 first aides

Thank you to the members that have been filling the holes and my company 8 visitors.

It's regrets to announce Gina Angevine has recently lost her father, let's keep her in our prayers.

Thank you to the company 4 members who participated in our parade. We looked great.

Please remember to get replacements or try if you have to call in the same day as even though some shifts are full, it still puts them at a disadvantage. Everyone have a safe st. Party's day

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan

No report submitted.

Friday Co. 5 – Kurt Vetter

1. Once again, I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and remind everyone that they are always welcome to come in and add extra help to any shift.

2. People have been very good about calling and trying to get replacements should they not be able to make their shift.

3. A reminder that members can always go to the scheduling area on HCFAS site to see where help is needed.

4. We need one first aider on the 0700 shift and two on the 1100.

5. I would like to thank Sally Staszak, Jeff Oneill, and Sal Signorelli for alternating as drivers on the 1100 shift. This has allowed us to have two crews on what is usually a very busy shift.

6. Good luck to those taking their EMT written and dispatch tests.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

In February, Saturday crews answered 44 calls or just over 10% of the total for February with only one 24.

And, while February was "routine" with regard to call volume, March came in like a lion when on March 3, we responded to 26 calls for the day including the now infamous "Barstool Blowout" party at the Paramount which resulted in 5 transports.

I'd like to thank the following members for their performance on duty and for their assistance in responding as backup on additional calls:

Saturday 1900 shift:

Dispatcher: Bency Jean- Baptiste, CL: Lenise Booth, DR: Bobby Loysch,

FA: Jody Kavanagh, FA: Fritz Barreau, ALS: Spencer Newman.

Saturday 2300 shift:

Dispatcher: Matty Lupinacci, Dispatch Trainee: Kristin vanBenSchoten,
CL: Liz Mohr, DR: 3rd Dep. Paul Biersack, FA: Amanda Manning,
FA: Meagan Pereira

Backup Crews:

Matt Valle, Orlando Salcedo, Kathy Castillo, Nicole Menditto, Jeff O'Neill, Brendan Fitts,
Brian Canty, Tyler Gibbs,
Dale Bartolomeo, Joe Grant, Chris Fischer

1st Deputy Chief David Mohr took command at the standby and Captain Mark Cappola
coordinated ambulance responses from headquarters to the Paramount and other 911 calls

Delegate Reports:

NYSVA&RA- Andrea Golinsky.

District 7 will be holding their meeting March 20th at Exchange Ambulance of the Islips.
HCFAS members may attend and get credit for non core CMEs which are presented every other
month.

Sunday April 29th & Monday April 30th will be the dates for NYSVA&RA annual Legislative
Day in Albany. A sign up sheet will be posted for those who would like to attend.

PR report – Andrea Golinsky

National EMS week is May 20th thru 26th. The EMS Memorial Ceremony will be held in
Albany, Wednesday May 23rd. Anyone interested in attending please contact me.

Andrea read a letter to the Long Islander Editor 3/8/12 – “A Belated Thank You” sent by
Huntington Station resident Bill Eagen – Thanking squad members Keith Rubenstein, Liz Mohr
and Kirsten Tiersch re: call to his mother’s home.

SCACA – Bob Franz

Their next meeting is Wednesday March 21st at 8PM at Riverhead Ambulance.

Committee Reports:

**NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters’ & Ambulance Workers’ Credit for
2011 – Bob Franz**

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2011 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

All new and renewal applications have been filed with the Town of Huntington Assessor on March 1, 2012 for property tax year 12/01/12 to 11/30/13.

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. By March 31st the final list will be submitted to the Town of Huntington for Town Board approval.

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

The SERVES Scholarship is designed as a recruitment & retention program. **The application deadline is May 1, 2012 for the Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) fall & spring semesters** (SERVES is not applicable for the summer semester). See the Administrative Guide on the bulletin board or visit their website for the Guide, application form and other information (go to www.suffolkbravest.com – click on Benefits – click on college tuition reimbursement or call Ryan Murphy at FRES 631 852-4885). The program is administered by SC Fire Rescue Emergency Services. SERVES will award tuition funds (in excess of any other grant or scholarship funding) for full or part time student/volunteers and is available for any major offered at SCCC. In exchange for the Scholarship, the member must have an active service commitment with the Squad during their schooling and the period following their degree attainment. (If you have already earned 80 college credit hours then you are not eligible for this program).

Public Health Law Article 30 Revisions - Bob Franz

Updated information on the proposed Article 30 changes outlined in Governor Cuomo's 2012-2013 State Budget will be posted on the bulletin board.

Post 215- Sheryl Roach

- The Post went on an Ice Skating trip.
- Participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade (17 members)
- Cookie Dough Fund Raiser is wrapping up.
- Med-Com Tour to take place.
- The Post will help with the Easter Egg Hunt and Party.
- In house first aid training occurs on designated Saturdays.
- EMS week activity is in progress.

CME – Pam Brenner

All CME classes are posted on line at Suffolk REMSCO.com. Only two presentations will be made at HCFAS in the Spring - Posted on the bulletin board.

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Special Events Committee – Brian Canty:

Saturday April 7th Easter Egg Hunt 10AM Jefferson School - \$15 charge for non eligible participants.

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

By-Laws – David Mohr

There will be a By-Laws amendment presented at the April meeting.

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

Fund Drive - Sal Signorelli

The Board approved the 2012 budget and the first mailing is scheduled to go out this month.

Old business:

None

New business:

Mark Cappola – I am working on a Mets Game – Mets vs. Yankees for Friday June 22 - \$70 a ticket.

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committees: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Dale Bartolomeo, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci and Gregg Orr.
Set-up committee: Roger Winter, Mary Winter and Brian Canty.

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Pindar – Autumn Gold (VSS) – Tony Cruz
2. Addis Shamrock baseball cap - Lehti Lass
3. Addis Shamrock baseball cap - Samantha Mohr
4. English Daisy Plant – Rahimi Zebulnnessa
5. English Daisy Plant – Dale Bartolomeo
6. English Daisy Plant – Melissa Anastos

Motion by Rahimi Zebulnnessa and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to adjourn the meeting at 2105 hours. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: April 1, 2012

Approved: April 9, 2012

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2012 General Membership Meeting
Date: April 9, 2012

Officers:

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

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (70 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 and Chris Mallilo's #1234 Father (Grandfather) is still very ill, prayers are needed, calls are welcome.
- Patty Tufo #12142 was injured in a MVA. She is home resting.
- Dian Tanko #1240 was injured in an MVA.

Longevity Awards – President Winter

Mary Beth Kraese – 20 years. Mary Beth Kraese is not present tonight.

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Bernard Poole – 20 years

Driver

Bike Team Committee Member

EVOC Training

Driver Training Committee

Building Maintenance Committee

Vehicle Maintenance Committee

New Vehicle Committee

Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Bernie Hershkowitz to change the order of the meeting for a reading of the proposed By-Laws amendment 01-2012 (to add a provision requiring a two-thirds vote of the membership to fill any volunteer position with a paid person) and a reading and discussion of the proposed SOP amendment 01-2012 HCFAS Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy.

Proposed By-Laws Amendment 01-2012 was read by David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee.

Proposed Standard Operating Procedures Amendment 01-2012- Proposed HCFAS Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy was read by David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee. Discussion followed.

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

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Bernie Hershkowitz to accept the March 12, 2012 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: Member's spouse Jean Giacomini; Firefighter Cancer Support Network; Fire Island Pines Fire District and resident Lorraine Terraciano (sent box of candy).
NYS Assemblyman Andrew Raia re: Article 30 changes not in the final budget bill and Halesite FD Hook & Ladder Company re: Comedy Night fund raiser.

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.

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- ❖ I would like to thank Ann Maloney Leslie for conducting a wonderful Easter egg hunt and party for the children. Sheryl Roach and the Explorer Post 215 were there also giving support at the egg hunt and at the building. Additionally I would like to thank Sue Otto, Ann Donegan, and all of her volunteers for the event. Easter Bunny Lorrain Maier (wife of Life Member John Maier) appearing for the 14th time. She still has plenty of hop for the egg hunt and pictures at the party.

Board Actions since the last meeting

- Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy 2012
- Physio- Control, Inc. Technical Service Support Agreement
- VSS Security
- Mets v Yankees Night
- Mayday Annual Maintenance on Audiolog Recording System
- Server Back – up Service 2012-2013
- Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy into the SOP's, Article X - Policies.
- Mets EMS night 90 tickets
- Bowling To Help Kids With Burns
- Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Fund Inc. (Dues account, bring to GMM)
- EMS WEEK Polo Shirts(Withdrawn awaiting additional bids from Lehti Laas)

Treasurers Report

Brian Canty

Financial Review of 1st Qtr 2012

HCAD – Town Tax Money

Income - \$892,750

Expenses - \$194,744

Major Expenses

EMS Supplies	19,224.10
Vehicles	12,183.00
Building	9,989.95
Utilities	14,437.11
Communications	14,826.64
Professional Fees	17,975.50
Insurance	46,347.43
Office	8,313.41
Uniforms	1,983.00

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Members Inspection	41,444.46
Training	5,547.02
Public Relations	114.55
Social	3,412.90
Other Expenses	1,945.26

HCFAS – Squad Money

Income – Fund Drive \$4,416 and Misc Donations/Interest \$10,340 = \$14,756

Expenses \$22,540

Expenses-

Insurance - Life	\$2,106.72
Fund Drive	12,950.00
Events	2,082.53
Goods & Welfare	498.47
Donations, Dues, Subscriptions	100.00
Member Services	4,801.88

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

To start, I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

1. Vanessa Amaya 5 Years
2. Tim Ebert 5 Years
3. Brendan Fitts 5 Years
4. Stefanie Mirabelli 5 Years
5. Deborah Rudilosso 10 Years
6. Jonathan Stone 10 Years
7. Janet Rubel 10 Years
8. Tom Romano 15 Years
9. Mary Beth Kraese 20 Years
10. Bernard Poole 20 Years

Keith Davis is the “Outback EMS Provider” for March.

Halesite Fire Department is hosting a Comedy Night, April 21, 2012 at 7PM at the Firehouse on New York Avenue. Tickets are \$35 and include dinner, drinks, and the show. Contact Erik Weber at (631) 374-3156 or (631) 427-1910.

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The NY Police and Fire Bowling Tournament will be held June 12, 13, 14 at East Meadow Lanes, 1840 Front Street, East Meadow, NY. Entry fee is \$30 each day with different divisions and cash prizes. Contact NYFPBOWL.COM or call at (516) 509-0010.

HCFAS has been invited to donate \$500 to Cow Harbor Warriors Weekend. This organization works in conjunction with the Wounded Warriors Project to invite wounded warriors from the tri-state region to Northport with hotel accommodations, meals, and many events in September 2012. On Friday September 7, 2012, Northport FD will host a parade and dinner to honor these brave men and women. Contact www.cowharborwarriors.com or call (631) 680-8404 for more info.

Motion by Chris Ruolo and seconded by Don Ruolo to take a \$500 Cow Harbor Warrior Color Corp sponsorship to honor US Veterans who have been wounded in action during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom during the Cow Harbor Warriors Weekend on September 7-9, 2012 in Northport. The \$500 sponsorship will be paid from the HCFAS Members' Dues bank account. Unanimous

I would like to have a motion to donate one dollar per member, with a maximum of \$250.00 to the Suffolk County Burn Center, to be paid out of the HCFAS Dues Account.

Motion by John Palmieri and seconded by Alyssa Axelrod to donate \$1 per member with a maximum donation of \$250 to the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Fund, Inc. campaign from the HCFAS Members' Dues bank account. Unanimous

Last Thursday I met with a representative from Haix Boots to get an idea of what we could be getting for our shoe dollars. Haix Boots is a German company making footwear that is specific to different occupations. They have both men's and lady's boots, in both 8", 6", or 4" heights. They are leather with toe and sole protection and are certified for bloodborne pathogen and chemical resistance. What makes these more expensive boots attractive is the fact that they can be resoled or totally refurbished by Haix. I will be having a meeting with a rep from 5.11 Footwear and hopefully we can get a supplier that has the availability that we need.

Now that that part of my report is out of the way, I would like to thank some people. Last Monday, I was privileged to stand out on a burning mulch pile for a few hours. But we had members there for most of the day, so Captain Karen Martin, you did a fine job getting everyone to pitch in. And next time Dave, I will let you take it. And next I want to acknowledge Juan Flores, Martha Brenner, and Dale Bartolomeo for the way that they handled the aftermath of their last call last Tuesday. The call ended up having extra passengers- bedbugs. The crew returned in hospital scrubs and proceeded to sterilize the ambulance. Now that is what we are all supposed to do, but there were no complaints, no grumbles. They did exactly what we all would expect them to do, but since I was on the next crew, I want to thank them, as I want to thank every member who just does their job every week. Thank you.

First Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

~ We continue to work at reducing our 24 rate. Emails are going out every Monday and Thursday telling of open shifts. If you can help with those open shifts, it would really help the situation.

~ Dispatchers, please remember to enter people doing back-up on the back-up log for the Outback EMS Provider of the Month.

~ Huntington Chiefs' Council Scholarship applications are due to the Chief no later than 4/23. Six, \$500 scholarship will be given out.

Job Well Done!!!

March 17, 2012 – 24 in 24, with no 24's. Twenty-four calls in a twenty-four hour period, including a stand-by, all were handled and none were given away. 0700 shift - 5 calls and 1 standby (all 5 calls received within 67min!!!), 1100 shift - 3 calls, 1500 shift - 4 calls, 1900 shift - 7 calls (5 calls received within 59 minutes, 3 of them in 9 minutes & 2 of them in 2 minutes!!!), 2300 shift - 4 calls. To all the **"regulars" who show up week after week and do an outstanding job in covering their shifts,** it can't be done without you! And...Kudos go to the following members who came in to cover shifts, do back up as crews and to help dispatch, you all deserve a big thank you for your time and help: **Melissa Anastos, Martha Brenner, Brian Canty, Tyler Gibbs, John Maier, Ken Manning, Captain Karen Martin, Liz Mohr, Kelly Murphy, Spencer Newman, Tom O'Leary, Fernando Rivadeneira, Keith Rubenstein and Kurt Vetter.** Congratulations to all on a job well done.

March 12, 2012 - Sharyn Cullen #318, Patricia Brumm #1117, Sara Manning #1345, and Janet Zapata #1203 responded to a call to find a patient unresponsive with shallow breathing. Rescue breathing was initiated with increased alertness noted. Upon assessment of the abdomen a large pulsating mass was palpated along with complaints of back pain and weakness for two (2) days. The patient was transported to Huntington Hospital where emergency Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm surgery was performed. The patient had a full recovery. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

January 31, 2012 – CPR Save, Crewleader Martha Brenner, #236, Driver Tom O'Leary, #1187, First Aider Pat Brumm, #1117, were backed up by Keith Davis, #1208 and Tyler Gibbs, #1252, in 80. As they arrived on the scene SCPD was shocking the patient. The patients pulse and breathing was restored. The crew transported the patient to the hospital where she is recovering. Congratulations Martha, Tom, Pat, Tyler and Keith on a job well done.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

A new BLS Checkout form has been created. Let me know what you think and if you find any problems. Thank you Jenna Arcati for putting this together.
We are currently working on reviewing PCR's to see if we can become part of the Narcan pilot program. I will keep you posted on the progress.

This Month's Review training is the annual Blood Borne Pathogens Review. This training is mandatory and we are looking to have it complete by the end of May. Thank You to Brian Canty for putting this together.

Congratulations to Juan Flores and Jenna Arcati on becoming Crew Leaders.

We are looking to do one more demonstration for a BLS/O2 bag that is a little smaller and lighter. We should have something to show you at the next GMM.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Paul Biersack

BUILDING

- HVAC
 - Administrative Wing - There have been several problems reported with HVAC system in Admin wing during the last month. Traditional Air has investigated and found that unit # 4 was frozen. Mechanic returned the following day to install replacement parts.
 - Ready Room - Traditional Air was called to investigate excessive heat in the Ready Room but could not find any problems by the time he arrived at headquarters.
- Maintenance Room
 - On-Call Power has completed regular maintenance and inspection of backup generators.
 - NYS DOC has completed inspection of the boilers and Boiler Room.
- Basement – Restoration work still pending, no updates.

VEHICLES

- Weekly maintenance continues as scheduled for all vehicles.
- Parking brakes have been repaired for units 16, 21 and 89.
- Unit 16
 - Daytime running lights were reported blinking by several members. Took some time to replicate the problem but Ace Auto couldn't find the cause and thinks it related to the control module for emergency lighting. Also, the front passenger side window is intermittently malfunctioning. This vehicle will be going out to LI Proliner soon to have both the daytime running lights and the power window looked at.
- Unit 17
 - Minor vehicle damage reported while responding to an MVA with a Vehicle Damage Report filed by the Driver. Minimal damage was reported to the passenger side mirror of our ambulance and the mirror of the complainant's vehicle.
 - Right rear amber rotator bulb has been replaced.
- Unit 18
 - LI Proliner found that the blower motor for the rear heating system seized up and that's what caused the burning smell last month. The heating unit was declared

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- 289 defective and the entire system has been replaced by LI Proliner. Vehicle is back
290 in service.
- 291 ○ Rear step bumper not folding up properly. Will have this looked at for
292 realignment.
 - 293 ● Unit 19
 - 294 ○ We finally received the blue LED modules for the rear flashers. Bernard Poole
295 has replaced the amber LED modules with the blue ones.
 - 296 ● Unit 80
 - 297 ○ UHF radio head up front broke and needed repair. There was some
298 static/feedback from the rear speakers unrelated to the vehicle's stereo. Both
299 problems were referred to Norcom by Chief Dispatcher. Updates per Chief
300 Dispatcher report.
 - 301 ● Unit 82
 - 302 ○ The missing Valero card has been reported to the Treasurer middle of March and
303 found in unit # 89 first week of April.
 - 304 ● Portable nitrous oxide bottles were being redesigned by ALS committee and 2nd Deputy
305 for security reasons. Updates per 2nd Deputy Chief report.
 - 306 ● Vittorio Auto Body
 - 307 ○ Has been added to HCFAS approved vendor list
 - 308 ○ Has completed repair work to realign front passenger side door of unit # 19.
 - 309 ○ Has completed paint work to repair scratches at top of unit # 21
 - 310 ● Gas Cards
 - 311 ○ Please keep gas cards with their respective vehicles so they do not get lost.
 - 312 ○ Please do not add digits to the 4 digit codes written on the back of each gas card.
313 We've had problems with authorization at Valero and found that Drivers were
314 using incorrect PIN codes. The PIN for each Valero card is 4 digits and is the
315 vehicle ID without the "2" in front. For example, the Valero card for unit # 82 has
316 a correct PIN of "1582" and not "21582". The Valero card for unit # 21 has a
317 correct PIN of "1521" and NOT "21521". Seems that someone added an extra
318 digit a handful of gas cards and that was causing charges to be declined.
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320 **REMINDERS**

- 321 ● Please remember to call me at 631-793-0702 (the Third Deputy cell phone) for all urgent
322 problems in the building and at any time a vehicle is taken out of service. If I am unable
323 to answer, please leave a voicemail and I will follow up as soon as possible! For non-
324 critical issues, please submit a maintenance form to the Third Deputy mailbox so that I
325 may complete the repair and follow up if necessary.
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327 **Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo**

328 No report submitted.
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Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (as posted)

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a happy Easter and happy Passover. Thank you for everyone for helping out on Easter it is greatly appreciated. As the weather gets warmer and it is staying dry the second division has been experiencing a lot of brush fires. If we are to receive a stand by refer to our fire standby sop and make sure you bring plenty of water and ice and check in with the fire chief for accountability. And remember scene safety and accident scenes which seem to increase as the weather gets warmer. Wear your vests and ep gear and keep your ears and eyes open. Help is always welcomed on the Sunday shifts so come on down help out. Everybody is welcome. Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable spring.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

I want to thank all of my crews who come week in and week out, without my dedicated crew members, my job would be a lot tougher. Also, a big thank you to Liz Mohr who has been a tremendous help with many tasks. I have been very lucky with so many great people that have been answering up for back up and filling in the voids by responding to the blast emails. The blast emails have been very successful for Mondays. We had a busy day last Monday, 19 calls in total.....2 of them being cardiac arrests and 1 fire stand by.....the 2nd cardiac arrest had a pulse upon arrival at Huntington Hospital. Good Job Everyone!!! Welcome back to David Mohr to full riding status Welcome George Reeder to the 1900 shift Congratulations to Sara Manning on her upcoming wedding this Saturday Please continue to stay current on your review trainings and make sure all certifications are current. Last but not least, please help each other out and keep up on the assigned duty chores for your shift. It helps us all out and makes for a much nicer environment if we all pitch in.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr (given by Casey Orr)

175 calls and 3 24s

Last Tuesday Calls came in at: 11:07; 11:21; 11:34; 11:58; 12:04; 12:16; 12:30; 12:38. We had 5 ambulances out at the same time. On duty crews: Liz Mohr, Jeff O'Neill, Tom O'Leary, Mark Cappola, Kathy Castillo and Tyler Gibbs. Ann Schwartz, dispatcher did a great job. I can use help on the 0700-1100 shift. I only have one crew. I need a dispatcher for tomorrow and next week. I can use first aiders on the 1500 shift.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

Vacancies still open 7-11 am for driver
3-11 pm crewleader
Get well wishes go out to Paul Kelly who recently injured himself.

Please remember to have your review trainings up to date.

Thanks to those members who have been doing back up on Wednesdays.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan

No report submitted.

Friday Co. 5 – Kurt Vetter

1. Congratulations to Steeven Jean and Dylan Angevine on passing their dispatch tests. They will be doing ambulance orientation and riding as soon as possible.
2. We have for the most part been able to maintain two crews on all shifts with the help of all of you who have generously come in to fill the gaps.
3. Welcome back to Rich Gierbolini and Kenny Manning who are back after LOA.
4. We can always use more help in trying to cut down on 24s and everyone is invited to come in whenever and for as long as they can to help out.
5. We have had zero 24s during the months of February and March, and a total of 5 for the year. You are all to be congratulated for a job well done, let's keep it up.
6. Lastly, I hope that everyone had a great Easter or Passover.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

My apologies to all for not being able to attend the meeting tonight. Hopefully, I'm enjoying diner by the water at a nice outdoor cafe right now.

Whew! March madness is behind us! It was a month to remember 90 calls and only 3 24's! NICELY DONE!

This past Saturday (March 31), I had hopes that we would escape one Saturday without a major incident. It hadn't happened all month but I am the eternal optimist. lol.

We were rolling right along and for a while I thought my radio was broken. Unfortunately, around 8pm, someone, while driving on Jericho turnpike, tried to relocate the front entrance of Tattoo Lou's to the side of the building using their vehicle. There result was Delta MVA which needed 3 ambulances to transport 5 patients. THANKFULLY, there were no life-threatening injuries. Once again, the on-duty crew and many backup members arrived to handle the call.

I want to thank the "regulars" who do an outstanding job week after week. I also want to thank everyone who comes in for backup calls and who do extra shifts. It's a team effort that would never get accomplished without everyone's help.

I'm looking for extra help on the 1100, 1500 and 1900 shifts. So if you have some free time...please come down and play. Remember, Hate Calm, Fun Awaits you on Saturday!

Happy April Birthday wishes to Ex Sat. Capt. Keith Davis, Jody Kavanagh, Fritz Barreau and Paul Biersack.

Delegate Reports:

NYSVA&RA- Andrea Golinsky.

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association **District 7** will be holding their next meeting at Brentwood Legion Ambulance Tuesday April 17th All HCFAS members are members of the NYSVA&RA and are invited to attend. This month there will be a non-core CME offered- Triage Then & Now. Dinner is served at 6:30

Legislative Day will be held Monday April 30 this year. Anyone wishing to attend must sign up. The information is posted on the bulletin board. Although Article 30, which concerned changes in EMS across NY State, has been removed from the Governor's Budget, there exist possibilities that the Governor may still propose these changes through legislation. This will be a topic for discussion with our Legislators. I have already made appointments with some of our local Assemblymen and Senators and the delegation will be in talks with other Legislators across the State.

Earth Day – Andrea Golinsky

The Town of Huntington will be hosting an Earth Day event on Sat. April 21st from 10AM to 3PM. Anyone interested in participating please contact me. A meal stipend will be provided for those that do the entire time.

EMS Week – Andrea Golinsky

EMS Week is May 20th thru 26th. HCFAS will be hosting Open House on Sunday May 20th from 1PM to 5 PM. Help is needed to demonstrate the services and activities we offer. Please contact me if you are interested in participating.

Class A Uniforms – Andrea Golinsky

Any member off probation that wishes a Class A uniform must fill out a form with sizes and leave it for the committee. Every effort will be made to fill the order from stock. In the event that cannot be done, the member will be given a Purchase Order form to take to All American Awards & Uniforms to be measured and one will be ordered.

Committee Reports:

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Refundable \$200 Credit for 2011 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2011 on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance **Form IT-245**. A copy of the Form IT-245 & instructions is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any technical questions, consult your independent tax advisor.

LOSAP 2011 Points – Bob Franz

The final 2011 LOSAP list was sent to the Town of Huntington in March for Town Board approval.

Insurance – Bob Franz

Volunteer Ambulance Workers Benefit Law Policy – Line of Duty Injury - A mandated notice will be emailed to all members regarding our insurance provider's prescription program.

Safety – Moving Ambulance - Members must wear seat belts when responding to a call and should wear seat belts or be properly restrained when performing patient care in an ambulance. Please read the NYS Department of Health Policy Statement 12-04 – Advisory on Patient Care in a Moving Ambulance which is included in this Pulse.

Scholarships or Tuition Assistance – Bob Franz

Information on available scholarships or tuition assistance programs sponsored by various entities will be posted on the bulletin board closest to the dispatch office or emailed as information is received or the Squad is made aware of a program. Please read the eligibility criteria and recipient requirements of each program carefully. If you require any additional information, please see Bob Franz or put a note in his mail box.

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

The SERVES Scholarship is designed as a recruitment & retention program. **The application deadline is May 1, 2012 for the Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) fall & spring semesters** (SERVES is not applicable for the summer semester). See the Administrative Guide on the bulletin board or visit their website for the Guide, application form and other information (go to www.suffolkbravest.com – click on Benefits – click on college tuition reimbursement or call Ryan Murphy at FRES 631 852-4885). The program is administered by SC Fire Rescue Emergency Services. SERVES will award tuition funds (in excess of any other grant or scholarship funding) for full or part time student/volunteers and is available for any major offered at SCCC. In exchange for the Scholarship, the member must have an active service commitment with the Squad during their schooling and the period following their degree attainment. (If you have already earned 80 college credit hours then you are not eligible for this program).

Huntington Chiefs Council \$500 Scholarships – Deadline April 23, 2012

Place the completed application in the Chief Palmieri's mailbox no later than April 23rd. Open to dependents of active squad members. Applicant must be a full time undergraduate student. Only one application per student is allowed.

Post 215- Sheryl Roach

- Saturday, April 14th, is our trip to Medical Communications in Yaphank.
- Cookie Dough fund raiser a success.
- In house first aid training occurs on designated Saturdays

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CME – Pam Brenner

All CME classes are posted on line at Suffolk REMSCO.com.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty:

Waiting for a picnic date from West Hills Day Camp.

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

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

Fund Drive - Sal Signorelli

The First Wave went out this month.

Old business:

None

New business:

Brian Quinn read the following statement regarding his son Sean who was not accepted as a member of the Squad.

My son, Sean, who has been a member of the Post, recently applied to become a full member. Two members of the Board voted in favor of him becoming a member, two against, and three abstained. His application for membership was denied.

Although the Board is refusing our requests to discuss the matter, it apparently has to do with Sean sometimes having difficulty managing frustration. Sean has autism. The day he was diagnosed, at age 2 ½, I cried. Selfishly, in part, but also for him. I knew that life would be difficult for him. It would take a long time for him to learn the things that are easy for the rest of us and that just come naturally, like waiting patiently, lowering one's voice, and making friends.

Despite the many hurdles he has been forced to confront in his 18 years, Sean has faced them all head-on, with determination to live life as the rest of us do. He has made many mistakes along the way. But he has not stopped trying. I have often thought that he might never master certain challenges. But, again and again, he has surprised me. He is on the honor roll at high school. He is getting close to earning a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He has made friends.

Becoming a member of the squad was another goal Sean set for himself. He was nervous about his ability to master the requirements for membership, but as usual, he stuck with it. I have to thank Chief Mohr and other members of the Post for their kind efforts in helping Sean make his way through meetings, trips, and trainings. He has a great attendance record, has completed RTE and CPR training, helped raise a lot of money (tell him to sell 10 tickets and he will try to sell 12), and is one of only a handful of members in the Post who are in good standing.

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Sean wants to keep learning and wants to help others. He wants to serve his community. The Board denied him this opportunity in, what to me, was a surprisingly cold and uncaring manner, especially given that we are an organization dedicated to helping others in need. He simply got a letter in the mail telling him he was not accepted. As you can imagine, he was very hurt and terribly disappointed. So was I. No one went to him, or came to me, to discuss what their concerns were or to see if there was some way this kind, loving boy, could be given a chance to meet his next challenge.

Sean has had many wonderful experiences here and has met a lot of great people. I think it would be a shame to deny him the chance to keep learning from them and growing. I believe he might surprise me, and all of us, again with what an autistic kid can accomplish and what he can do to help his community.

So, tonight, I am asking my fellow members for their help. If you can, please speak up for Sean and for the growing number of young people like him. (I mention this because when I began my training as a social worker 30 years ago, only 3 or 4 kids in 10,000 were diagnosed with autism. Now it is 1 in 88. Sean will not be the last autistic kid who wants to join the squad to make a difference in his community.) Perhaps you could say something here or, if you would prefer, in private to members of the board whom you know. Sean, and especially I, would be forever grateful for your support. Thank you.

Phil Orlando suggested that the TV & some of the chairs in the ready room be replaced and if the juice machine could operate more quietly.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committees; Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Dale Bartolomeo, Christy Stiles, Israel Cortez, Tom O'Leary, Carol Nucci, Claire Tesoriero. Setup Committee; Roger Winter, Mary Winter, Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Pindar – Autumn Gold (VSS) – Francine Vasta
2. Whitman's Sampler (Lorraine Terraciano) – Tim Ebert
3. Pansy Planter – Liz Mohr
4. Pansy Planter – Mary Sisinni
5. Hydrangea Planter – Tom O'Leary
6. Hydrangea Planter - Annette Hershkowitz

Motion by Sal Signorelli and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to adjourn the meeting at 2115 hours. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Franz
Secretary
Draft posted: May 3, 2012
Approved: May 14, 2012

Proposed By-Law Change 01-2012

Proposal:

To add a provision requiring a two-thirds vote of the membership to fill any volunteer position with a paid person

Background/Justification:

1. Ensure full disclosure to the membership of potential changes to the current “all volunteer” system at HCFAS.
2. Keep the membership continuously informed of serious discussions, inquiries, and intentions of HCFAS administration to hire paid personnel.
3. Give the topic of hiring paid staff the proper discussion time within the membership of several weeks to months VERSUS it is a Board motion presented and voted on within days (or potentially the same night of the Board meeting).
4. Allow the membership ample opportunity of finding and exhausting alternatives prior to hiring paid personnel to resolve HCFAS staffing issues.
5. Give the membership the right to cast a vote on a resolution to hire paid personnel.
6. Have a 2/3’s majority of the membership at a meeting in agreement that the current “all volunteer” system needs paid supplementation.

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

ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 – OBJECT OF THE CORPORATION

The object of the Corporation will be to provide first aid and/or emergency ambulance transportation to hospitals for victims of injury, illness, sudden disablement or disaster. These services will be rendered without charge to anyone regardless of race, sex, religion and national origin. The corporation will provide these services through the service of volunteer members and shall not fill any volunteer position with a paid person (employee or independent contractor) without a resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership at a general or special membership meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors may authorize temporary use of paid emergency personnel in the event that it should determine that the staffing requirements of the Corporation cannot be met by volunteers, but must present the case for the same to the membership not later than the next general membership meeting.

Proposers	
Paul Kelly, #634	/s/
Christopher Winter, #897	/s/
Lehti Laas, 938	/s/

Proposed SOP Change 01-2012

Huntington Community First Aid Squad, Inc. (HCFAS) Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy

Introduction:

HCFAS members represent HCFAS not only when they are involved in HCFAS activities, but also in their public and semi-public behavior outside HCFAS activities. HCFAS is committed to maintaining positive public perception of HCFAS and its members. HCFAS reserves the right to regulate and impose sanctions on members whose public and semi-public behavior is contrary to the best interests of HCFAS. The evolution of the internet and particularly social media has created a new category of public and semi-public behavior. Users and participants in social networking and internet communication often overlook the public or semi-public nature of their publications. The Board of Directors of HCFAS, in consultation with counsel, have determined that social networking and internet communications that are observed by or called to the attention of the Board or HCFAS officers are, by definition, public or semi-public behavior. This policy is adopted for the guidance of the membership.

HCFAS has created the following policy regarding the use of social networking and internet communications by its members. It is the responsibility of HCFAS members (members) to utilize and understand this and all other Policies, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), and By-Laws of HCFAS.

HCFAS Board of Directors (BOD) and Operational Officers strive for a civil work environment on and off the premises. Therefore, all members are expected to conduct themselves in a

respectful and professional manner to fellow members, community partners (i.e. Police and Fire personnel), co-responders and patients. Such conduct includes any activities that may be conducted online. The same rules listed in the By-Laws, SOP, and Policies apply to HCFAS members engaging in communication through blogs and social networking sites as in other areas of their on- and off-duty conduct.

Members are advised to choose words and content carefully when referring to HCFAS and its members. Members should always exercise good judgment before posting. The malicious use of online social networks, including derogatory language about any member; demeaning statements about or threats to any third party; incriminating photos or statements depicting hazing, sexual harassment, vandalism, stalking, underage drinking, illegal drug use, or any other inappropriate behavior, will be subject to disciplinary action by HCFAS.

Members are not restricted from using any online social network site and/or digital platform. However, users must understand that any content they make public via online social networks or digital platforms is expected to follow acceptable social behaviors and also to comply with federal and New York State laws, rules, regulations and policies, and HCFAS By-Laws, SOP and Policies.

HCFAS Member Conduct:

HCFAS reserves the right to monitor members' on duty activity and any reported inappropriate (or unacceptable) off-duty activity with regard to social networking or blogging and apply disciplinary action should it be determined that a member's conduct is not in keeping with our Policies or the best interest of the corporation.

As a member you are a representative of HCFAS. Please keep the following in mind as you participate online:

- Sharing Protected Health Information (PHI). PHI includes, but is not limited to:
 - The patient's name, address, age, race, extent or nature of illness or injury, hospital destination, and crew member names
 - Posting film, photos, videos, or images of any kind which could potentially identify patients, addresses, vehicle license plate numbers, or any other PHI
- Posting film, photos, videos, or images of any kind with:
 - HCFAS's name in the shot that may negatively impact the image perception, or mission of HCFAS and/or
 - HCFAS members, wearing any apparel that signifies the identification of HCFAS such as name, insignia, abbreviation, initials and/or logo, are considered representatives of HCFAS and such items should not be worn in places, situations, or areas that may negatively impact the image perception or mission of HCFAS
- Sharing confidential or proprietary information about HCFAS

- Posting or other online activities which are inconsistent with or would negatively impact HCFAS's reputation
- Engaging in vulgar or abusive language, disrespectful, inflammatory, derogatory, or discriminatory statements, personal attacks, or offensive terms targeting HCFAS members, co-responders, or protected classes (i.e. race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and family status)
- Posting statements which may be perceived as disrespectful, inflammatory, derogatory, or discriminatory statements against HCFAS, its members, or co-responders
- Where a connection to HCFAS is apparent, members should make it clear that they are speaking for themselves and not on behalf of HCFAS. In these circumstances, the following disclaimer is recommended: "The views expressed on this [blog; website] are my own and do not reflect the views of HCFAS." Furthermore, members should consider adding this language in an "About me" section of their blog or social networking profile. This disclaimer does not by itself exempt members from a higher degree of responsibility when blogging; members should remember that their online behavior should still reflect and be consistent with HCFAS By-Laws, SOP, and Policies.

Posting Online Comments on Third-Party Sites (response to news articles, posts on other people's sites, or blogs):

If a member communicates in the public Internet about HCFAS or HCFAS related matters, they should disclose their association with HCFAS and their position with HCFAS. Members should always make every effort to ensure accuracy and use of good judgment in all their communications. Errors and omissions reflect poorly on HCFAS and may result in liability for the corporation and the member making the communication.

Sanctions for failure to agree and adhere to this policy will result in actions ranging from suspension to dismissal from HCFAS. It is the intention of HCFAS to achieve a level of conduct that reflects positively on all of us. This policy is to be used as a guideline and is consistent with policies established by HCFAS.

Violations of HCFAS policy or evidence of such violations in the content of social networks or digital platforms are subject to investigation by HCFAS. They are also subject to investigation by law enforcement agencies.

Members are advised to report any complaints to the Chief of Operations or the BOD. Anonymous complaints due to fear of retaliation will be considered.

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Date: May 14, 2012

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Paul Biersack	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	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 Kurt Vetter	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Pre Meeting Class / Demonstration/Raffle

NEW YORK METS vs. Cincinnati Reds Thursday May 17, 2012

Special Raffle

Winners: Ken Manning & Fran Vasta

Tourniquets and Hemostatic dressings

Tim Ebert

On Monday May 14th at 6pm we will be having an in-service for the new Tourniquets and Hemostatic dressings. After the in-service they will be located in the BLS Medication draw. For more information on Tourniquets and Hemostatic dressings please see the March review training on BLS protocol updates. -Mary Winter & Lisa Mohr Demonstrated

Stryker EMS Power Load Demonstration in the Truck Room

Tim Ebert

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (87 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.

Presentations

➤ **Susan Berland, Town of Huntington Councilwoman, presented the Squad with a TOH Proclamation for EMS week.**

➤ **Dan Roach, Eagle Scout Project, Donation and Recruitment Video**

Donated 6 recruitment Videos, Map of all Boundary Signs, List of all boundary signs and locations. He also donated all remaining monies from his Eagle Scout Project to HCFAS. Recruitment video was played for the membership.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Jim Mallilo's #1030 and Chris Mallilo's #1234 Father (Grandfather) is still very ill, prayers are needed, calls are welcome.
- Eileen Burns # 767 has been hospitalized on and off, she is recovering, prayers and calls welcome.
- Phil Orlando, #706, was hospitalized, he is back and recovered.
- Nicole Menditto, was hospitalized, she has recovered and active again.
- Vito Reciniello # 659 was hospitalized recently; he is home and has recovered.

We Mourn the Loss of: It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of the following:

- Sal Signorelli # 122, a 42 year member, Ex Chief, Past President, , "Life Member"
- Ex-Chief and "Life Member" Bill Billups' #793 Brother David has passed.
- Sally Staszak's, #397, husband John passed away unexpectedly.
- Juan Flores, #1293, grandmother, Maria Baumann.

Congratulation on the Birth of a New Baby:

- Sara Manning #1345 on her marriage to Christopher Bingham.
- Spencer Newman # 1082 and former member Julie Stone Newman # 1093 announce the birth of their second child a daughter Ansley Fay Newman, proud grandparents Richard and Lorrie Stone, proud Uncle Jonathan Stone#1052 and Aunt Casey Stone # 920.

Longevity Awards – President Winter

Kathy Hayes # 749 – 25 Years

Active 5/4/1987

Exempt Member

CPR Instructor

Driver

Crewleader

CPR Instructor

Always in uniform and if you don't show up in proper uniform...

Always curious if anything is going on that they haven't heard about it... so the first question is

"What have you heard"?

Thank you for 25 years of outstanding dedicated service to HCFAS.

David Mohr #748 – 25 years

Explorer Post Member - Birchwood Nursing Home

Active 5/4/1987

"Life Member"

Crewleader

Driver

Captain

Third Deputy Chief

First Deputy Chief

Treasurer BOD

Secretary BOD

President BOD

30th Anniversary Chair

Explorer Post 215 advisor and Chief Advisor.

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Benevolent Committee and continues to today.

O 2 Chairmen

New Building Chair in charge of the overall construction, finance, site.

Books and Records Chair and Member

Dave is a "Bull Dog" (Pit Bull), give him a task and then get out of his way, or you'll get chewed up.

Secretary of the Huntington Chiefs' Council

Dave has been an outstanding member for 25 years. Thank you

Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to change the order of the meeting for the second reading and discussion of the proposed By-Laws amendment 01-2012 (to add a provision requiring a two-thirds vote of the membership to fill any volunteer position with a paid person).

Proposed By-Laws Amendment 01-2012 was read by David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee. See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws Amendment.

President Winter opened the floor for discussion of the proposed By-Law amendment.

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Discussion: Chris Winter, David Mohr and Lehti Laas responded to the members' questions
Secretary Franz conducted a roll call and ballots were distributed.
Ballot vote results: 80 votes cast. Yes -52 votes, No - 27 votes and abstain - 1 vote.
Amendment did not pass.
Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to destroy the ballots.
Unanimous

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Mary Winter to accept the April 9, 2012 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: Ex-Chief Bill Billups; Angevine Family; SC Volunteer Firefighters
Burn Center Fund, Inc.; Family of Halesite Ex-Chief Newell; James Stanton and John Barbier.

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.**

- George Stone #21, charter member, upon hearing of Sal's passing e-mailed the squad to send his condolences. He many fond memories of Sal and passed them along. He read about Sal in the Pulse.
- Fly the American Flag at Half Staff on 5/15/2012 for Peace Officers Memorial Day

Board Actions as of 051012

- EMS WEEK Polo Shirts
- Amended Mets EMS Night Motion 3/8/12
- Open House Motion
- Landscaping
- EMS Week Meals
- Sheryl Roach #1253 General Meeting Room Request
- Disposal Order for Physio Control Equipment
- Sale of Obsolete Physio Control Equipment
- Amended Motion for the Mets v. Yankee Night Game
- Mets v Yankees Night
- Boot Camp Fitness Classes
- Epson Work Force Pro GT-S50 Document Scanner
- Simplex Grinnell Fire and Security System

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- 2011 Financial Statements for HCFAS and HCAD
- NYS EMS Memorial Ceremony in Albany New York on Wednesday May 23, 2012
- Transportation to NYS EMS Memorial Ceremony in Albany New York on Wednesday May 22-23, 2012
- American Alternative Insurance Corporation Hubbinette Cowell Associates, Inc.
- Annual Squad Scholarship
- Purchase Mobile Radio (Backup)
- Purchase Portable Radio (Replacement)
- Host District 7 Meeting & Dinner
- Host District 7 Drill Competition
- Host Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association Meeting
- Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy 2012
- 2/3rds approval needed
- World Trade Center Memorial Tickets
- Annual Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony – May 27, 2012 at Town Hall
- Cecilia Renderos #1220 General Meeting Room Request June 30, 2012
- Un-table Epson Work Force Pro GT-S50 Document Scanner
- Epson Work Force Pro GT-S50 Document Scanner
- MOTION APPROVED TO MOVE
- Annual Squad Picnic 2012
- Annual Inspection & Dinner Dance 2013
- Star of Life Flower Arrangement
- Amend EMS Shirt Proposal
- Permit Keith Davis to take PALS class
- National EMS Memorial Bike Ride Rest Stop at HCFAS with refreshments \$500

I would like to thank Ann Maloney Leslie for conducting a wonderful Easter egg hunt and party for the children. Sheryl Roach and the Explorer Post 215 were there also giving support at the egg hunt and at the building. Additionally I would like to thank Sue Otto, Ann Donegan, and all of her volunteers for the event. Easter Bunny Lorrain Maier (wife of Life Member John Maier) appearing for the 14th time. She still has plenty of hop for the egg hunt and pictures at the party.

Board Actions since the last meeting

- Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy 2012
- Physio- Control, Inc. Technical Service Support Agreement
- VSS Security
- Mets v Yankees Night
- Mayday Annual Maintenance on Audiolog Recording System
- Server Back – up Service 2012-2013
- Social Networking & Internet Communication Policy into the SOP's, Article X - Policies.

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- Mets EMS night 90 tickets
- Bowling To Help Kids With Burns
- Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Fund Inc. (**Dues account, bring to GMM**)
- EMS WEEK Polo Shirts(**Withdrawn awaiting additional bids from Lehti Laas**)

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

No Report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

To start, I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

- Kathy Hayes – 25 years
- David Mohr – 25 years
- Susan Martin – 10 years
- Gerardo Vasquez – 10 years
- Audin Delva – 5 years
- Chris Fusaro – 5 years
- Tom O'Leary – 5 years
- Zeb Rahimi – 5 years

“Outback EMS Provider” for March – Brian Canty

Chief Palmieri mentioned some of the events that are coming up:

EMS Memorial Albany, NY – Wednesday 5/23. Class A uniform must be worn.

WTC Memorial NYC visit – Friday 5/25 5PM at memorial. Class A uniform must be worn. The board has approved up to \$25 per person for transportation costs.

TOH Memorial Wreath Ceremony – Sunday 5/27 9:30AM (at Squad at 9AM). Class A uniform must be worn.

Selden Breast Cancer Walk -

TOH Memorial Day Parade – Monday 5/28 11:30AM. Breakfast at Squad at 9AM. Class A uniform must be worn.

Huntington Manor Fire Department Parade – Wednesday July 18 7:30PM

Chief Palmieri congratulated new EMTs as follows:

Lori Bennett, Leslie Wissner, Dale Bartolomeo, Kelly Murphy, Suzi Biagi, Meghan Pereira, Carol Nucci, Chris Daddura, Tiffany White, Luminita Hazelton, Joe Gander Jr, Heidi Magerle and Maxine Epstein

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Chief Palmieri displayed samples of boots from Haix Boots and 5.11. Haix Boots is a German company making footwear that is specific to different occupations. They have both men's and lady's boots, in both 8", 6", and 4" heights. They are leather with toe and sole protection and are certified for bloodborne pathogen and chemical resistance. What makes these more expensive boots attractive is the fact that they can be resoled or totally refurbished by Haix. 5.11 Footwear is less expensive but serves the purpose just as well.

First Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

We continue to work at reducing our 24 rate. Emails are going out every Monday and Thursday telling everyone of open shifts. If you can help with those open shifts, it would really help the situation and the Captains would greatly appreciate it. Jim M. and Ferd are working diligently each month to reconcile the number of 24's between the CAD system and the paperwork. Dispatchers are reminded to please complete a 24 sheet if a call is given back to MEDCOM, even if you subsequently take the call back and we handle it. It will make the monthly reconciliation easier for Jim and Ferd.

~ Dispatchers, please remember to enter people doing back-up on the back-up log for the Outback EMS Provider of the Month. We are having members state that they are doing back-up and not getting credit.

~ The Huntington Chiefs' Council awarded six, \$500 scholarships at their meeting on April 30th. We had two winners; Victoria Gander, daughter of member Joe Gander and member Steeven Jean. Congratulations to both of them. They will receive their awards at the Chiefs' Council meeting on May 21st.

~ EMS Week shirts are in and available to all active members. If you haven't gotten yours, see either Roger W. or any Chief Officer.

~ EMS week begins this coming Sunday, May 20th and goes until Next Saturday, May 26th. The Board of Directors has approved a meal allowance for each member while on your primary duty shift. **Each member is only entitled to one meal**, even if they have two shifts or do multiple shifts during the week. There will be a board posted in the Ready Room during the week identifying the participating locations, the authorized amounts and the procedures for ordering and accounting for the meals.

~ On June 24th the YMCA is sponsoring an open water swim off of Lloyd Neck Beach. We assisted Cold Spring Harbor last year and have been asked to assist this year as well. They need several ambulances on site according to their permit. We have been asked to provide two (2) ambulances and ALS. The swim starts at 7:00am and goes till 10:00am, we need to be on site by 6:45am. Please contact either Donna Smith or myself if you can help with this stand-by.

Job Well Done!!!

April 1, 2012 – We received a call for a 90 year old male who fell down a flight of stairs and was unresponsive. Both crews were already at Huntington Hospital, so 2-15-82 responded with **Captain Rubenstein #1154** to stabilize the patient. Upon arrival the patient was found at the bottom of a concrete staircase and was now at the bottom in a confined space. Both ambulances were requested to the scene along with aviation. Upon the first crews arrival with **John Maier #886, Trish Reciniello #740, and Melissa Flores #1213** they began to secure the airway and began to backboard and collar the patient. Upon arrival of the second crew of **Vito Reciniello #659 and Juan Flores #1293** the patient was extricated from the staircase and transported to the landing zone. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

HCFAS has been approved by county to enter the BLS Narcan Project. I will be putting a group of training coordinators together along with our Medical Director to attend a kick off meeting on May 30th.

Autism CME Class will be coming up in June or July.

The Gang awareness class is scheduled for May 22nd. Because of the huge response another class will be scheduled.

Replacement O2 bags are on display, please let me know what you think.

Thanks to Liz Mohr and Mary Winter for giving our Homeostatic and Tourniquets in service. Just a reminder that the Hemostatic Dressings are for Severe bleeding only.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Paul Biersack

BUILDING

- HVAC
 - A pressure regulator valve for one of the air ducts in the ceiling over the Chief and Treasurer offices broke last month immediately prior to the General Membership Meeting. Rich Stone turned off the water supply to the regulator to stop the water from leaking through the ceiling and into the hallway. Thank you to Dale Bartolomeo (#1280) for helping me cleanup the mess. Traditional Air came out the following morning to replace broken bleeder valve.
 - Traditional Air has fixed a dead thermostat in the General Membership Room.
 - Received notification that AC not working in the Ready Room on several different dates. Traditional Air came out several times to replace a broken circuit board and a broken relay for the air handler and refilled refrigerant in the discharge unit.

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- Traditional Air has been called over the weekend and this morning to fix additional problems with the Ready Room and Admin Wing. Details unknown at this time.
- Basement – Restoration work still pending. Received two proposals for repair and one contractor has declined to bid for the work. To be submitted to the BOD shortly for review.
- Truck Room – Several light bulbs have been replaced.
- Landscaping has started up outside the building. Lawn has been cut and a spring cleanup is anticipated ahead of the upcoming Open House later this month.

VEHICLES

- Weekly maintenance and inspections continue as scheduled for all vehicles.
- Wiper blades have been replaced on 17, 80 and 89.
- Front wheel simulators and lug nut covers replaced on 17, 19 and 20.
- Rechargeable batteries ordered and replaced for various Streamlights. If anyone finds a Streamlight that doesn't function when removed from the charging base, please let me know!
- Unit 16
 - Daytime running lights were reported malfunctioning by several members. Took some time to replicate the problem before reporting to Ace Auto and they could not determine the cause. Possibly related to the control module for emergency lighting. Also, the front passenger side window is intermittently malfunctioning. This vehicle is currently out at LI Proliner for repair.
- Unit 17
 - Loud vibration noise reported in patient module whenever battery was on and noise went away when battery was off. I determined that noise was coming from the on-board suction unit and turned suction "off" to correct this problem.
 - Currently OOS for problem with load management. Verified sizeable voltage drop when electrical draw is increased. High idle struggles to adequately compensate (causes the squeaky belts and rubbery smell from engine) and so the load reducer takes over by cutting power to various lights (the front lightbar "not working"). Problem has been reported to Ace Auto and they will diagnose/repair problem this week.
- Unit 18
 - Completed preventative maintenance to perform oil and filter change, adjust brakes and drain water separator.
 - Moved BLS key from ambulance key ring to a caribiner for easier access while ambulance is running. Thank you to Claudy Grimadeau (#1142) for pointing this out and asking for a solution.
 - Rear step bumper not folding up properly. This will likely require body work or a frame straightener to repair and will be sent out to LI Proliner for realignment after 16 returns.
- Unit 19
 - Inner arm rest on the Driver's seat was loose and inoperable and has been fixed.
 - One of the rear license plate bulbs was out and has been fixed.

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- Repaired the spotlight in the side door of the patient module.
- Replaced broken Streamlight charging base in outer rear compartment.
- Replaced broken mirror on front passenger door after collision.
- Unit 21
 - LI Proliner has diagnosed reports of poor charging conditions and replaced batteries for lighting and patient module.
- Unit 80
 - UHF radio head up front broke and needed repair. There was some static/feedback from the rear speakers unrelated to the vehicle's stereo. Both problems appear to have been repaired by Norcom.
 - Completed NYS emissions and safety inspection
- Unit 81
 - Completed preventative maintenance to perform oil and filter change, adjust brakes, lube chassis, change transmission fluid and replace belts
- Unit 82
 - Repaired rear temperature control for ALS drug cabinet at rear of vehicle.
 - Replaced broken evaporator solenoid for fuel system.
- Unit 89
 - Completed NYS emissions and safety inspection
 - Valero gas card is missing. If found, please return to Third Deputy Chief's mailbox!
- Portable nitrous oxide bottles were being redesigned by ALS committee and 2nd Deputy for security reasons. Updates per 2nd Deputy Chief report.
- Gas Cards
 - Please report missing gas cards immediately and be sure they are in or returned to the correct vehicles.
 - Please know that Wright Express gas cards also work at Valero.

REMINDERS

- Please remember to call me at 631-793-0702 (the Third Deputy cell phone) for all urgent problems in the building and at any time a vehicle is taken out of service. If I am unable to answer, please leave a voicemail and I will follow up as soon as possible! For non-critical issues, please submit a maintenance form to the Third Deputy mailbox so that I may complete the repair and follow up if necessary.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

No report.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (as posted)

As the warm weather creeps closer and closer remember to keep hydrated. EMS week is next week there is a lot going on Wednesday is the trip to Albany for the EMS memorial Thursday is the Mets games lets go Mets and Friday is the trip into the city for the WTC 9/11 memorial so everyone have a safe and enjoyable EMS week and the rest of the month of May. Help is always

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needed on Sunday feel free to come down hang out wash your car or an ambulance. Keep up the good work everyone.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

Thank you to everyone who has filled in on a shift and answered back up calls. Your help is always appreciated.

Mondays schedule is posted on web site, if you are looking for Co. 8 time please come on down.

Congratulations to Alyssa Axelrod on the passing of her EMT-CC, Kelly Murphy on the passing of her EMT-B and Andrew Taylor for passing his ambulance orientation test.

Anyone that can come in to dispatch so Andrew can ride would be more then welcome.

Welcome back Nancy Barker, Rod Gabriel, Donna Smith, Kristen Tiersch and Nat Watts.

Reminder to crew members to check their expiration dates on their certification cards and make sure they are current. Please submit copies of certification cards upon receipt after completion of course.

Good luck to everyone that is taking the EMT exam this Thursday and congratulations to those who passed the practical this past Saturday.

Please continue to help each other out and keep up on the assigned duty chores for your shift. It helps us all out and makes for a much nicer environment if we all pitch in.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr (given by Samantha Mohr)

We have had zero 24's in 3 months. Thank you to those who have made that possible. I am currently looking for dispatchers for the 1100 and 1500 shifts. We have a dispatcher this week for the 1500 shift but not the 1100 shift. If anyone is available to help out, please contact me.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo (given by Jeff Brenner)

MVA call – Landscaper's truck with 4 patients. In addition to HCFAS ambulances, 2 ambulances from Greenlawn were called.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan

No report submitted.

Friday Co. 5 – Kurt Vetter

We have had no 24's since January and things are going well

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We are always looking for First Aiders on all shifts. That is the area in which we are always in need. A lot of people dismiss the need of good first aiders, but in fact, they are a valuable asset to the crew in many different aspects.

I have nothing new of any substance to report. Co. 6, keep up the good work!

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

April saw Saturday crews answer 60 calls during the month with one “24”. On April 21, we answered 25 calls for the day.

During the month, I was away for several Saturday's and I want to thank Tom O'Leary and Harvey Lapidus for filling in for me on my shift. Thanks also to Howard Loewenthal for coming in to ALS for Harvey. I also want to thank my two new “Captain's Assistants”, Patty Salajka and Liz Mohr for their help with the administrative matters while I was away.

We also had 3 members from Saturday become new EMT's; Suzie Biagi # 1251, Chris Daddura # 1318 and Meagan Pereira # 1344. Congratulations!

Welcome back to Tom Hogan returning from his MLOA and to Judy Hogan returning from her LOA. It's good to see you up and around Tom.

As usual I want to thank the "regulars" who do an outstanding job week after week. I also want to thank everyone who comes in for backup calls and who do extra shifts. It's a team effort that would never get accomplished without everyone's help.

I'm looking for help on the 1100, 1500 and 1900 shifts. So if you have some free time...please come down and play. Remember, Hate Calm, Fun Awaits you on Saturday!

Happy May Birthday wishes to Liz Mohr.

Delegate Reports:

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) - Andrea Golinsky

Meeting was held April 29th. A presentation was made by a representative of National Income Life Insurance Company the company that provides the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance to all enrolled members of NYSVA&RA has increased its benefit from \$2000 to \$4000.00. Enrollees may be getting a card from the insurance company informing them they will need to sign a beneficiary card. These cards are NOT sent from the insurance company itself. (NYSVA&RA do not give its membership list to any outside agencies or companies) All insurance information materials and postage will be sent to NYSVA&RA who will then do the labeling and send them out. It was explained that the beneficiary card has to be signed in person in order for the benefit to be awarded without tax consequence to the beneficiary. Without the card designating a beneficiary, the death benefit will become part the

estate and would be a taxable event. The company does offer other plans and these would be explained and offered to the members but they are under no obligation to purchase any more insurance. The agent would also have important information on identity theft, offer a Child Safe Kit and provide descriptions of other insurance offered.

Legislative Day in Albany – April 30th

District 7 had made appointments with the following and HCFAS members met with
Assemblyman Robert Sweeney
Assemblyman James Conte
Assemblyman Andrew Raia
Senator Jack Martins
Senator John Flanagan
Senator Carl Marcellino
Senator Dean Skelos

Information packets were also given to the aides of Assemblyman Fitzpatrick and Assemblyman Ramos.

A brief visit was made to the Assembly floor but the group was unable to stay until session convened due to meetings scheduled with Lee Burns, Acting Director of EMS and Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos.

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association-District 7

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 15th at HCFAS. Dinner served at 7:30, meeting starts at 8 PM

EMS Week Open House – Andrea Golinsky

Open House will be held on Sunday, May 20th. 1PM – 4PM
Anyone interested in helping please see me after the meeting or give me a call.

Class A Uniforms- Andrea Golinsky

Anyone, off probation, who would like a Class A uniform must fill out a form located in the rack outside the dispatch office. Please make sure you take the correct form and fill out the form with the information requested. Every effort will be made to fill the order from stock. If that is not possible, you will be given a purchase order to take to the vendor in Bohemia to be fitted and a uniform will be ordered for you.

Committee Reports:

Scholarships or Tuition Assistance – Bob Franz

Information on available scholarships or tuition assistance programs sponsored by various entities will be posted on the bulletin board closest to the dispatch office or emailed as information is received or the Squad is made aware of a program. Please read the eligibility

criteria and recipient requirements of each program carefully. If you require any additional information, please call Bob Franz or put a note in his mail box.

2012 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 2012 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. All 2011 scholarship winners are not eligible for the 2012 scholarship drawing. The application form is included in the Pulse and is posted on the bulletin board and website.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 25th

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 25, 2012. 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.

LOSAP List 2011 – Bob Franz

The 2011 LOSAP Records Listing was approved by the Huntington Town Board on April 17, 2012. In compliance with General Municipal Law, this approved listing will be returned to the Squad and must be posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30 day period. It is requested that each member review the information next to their name and report any changes in writing to the President. Each reported change must be clearly identified and explained. Please also verify that your legal name is properly indicated.

Post 215- Sheryl Roach

- Saturday, April 14th – we had our trip to Medical Communications in Yaphank.
- Friday May 11th Internet Safety & Cyber bullying Informational & Networking Seminar at the Ronkonkoma Fire Dept
- Monday May 28th TOH Memorial Day Parade
- Two Post members are participating with HCFAS as Dispatchers designated
- Next month the Post has election of officers

CME – Pam Brenner

All CME classes are posted on line at Suffolk.REMSCO.com.
Autism Awareness seminar is scheduled for June

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty:

EMS Bike Ride from Mass. To Va. Coming through our area (Jericho Turnpike) on May 21st

Annual picnic at West Hills Day Camp Saturday 7/14 (rain date 7/15).

Annual installation at Watermill Caterers Saturday 2/23/12

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

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

Driver Training – Vito Reciniello

Members in the program: Jen Ladd, Zeb Rahimi & Tyler Gibbs. Pending: Matt Valle. A few members may be dropped due to inactivity. Vito requested that we speak appropriately in advising the patient's family members who wish to follow the ambulance to the hospital in their personal vehicle.

Old business:

Status of the revised uniform code.

New business:

Reminder: Sunday 5/20 10AM Mass at St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church in honor of EMS providers.

HCFAS Fan Page – may have inappropriate comments which may be of concern.

Stryker Powered Stretcher – please send your comments.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committees; Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Dale Bartolomeo, Christy Stiles, Israel Cortez, Tom O'Leary, Carol Nucci, Claire Tesoriero.

Setup Committee; Roger Winter, Mary Winter, Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Hanging Plant – Ferd Newman
2. Pindar Autumn Gold (VSS) – Jeannette Russell
3. Hanging Plant – Liz Steenson
4. \$15 Subway Gift Card – Brian Canty

Motion by Fran Vasta and seconded by Mary Winter to adjourn the meeting at 2130 hours. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: June 1, 2012

Approved: June 11, 2012

**Proposed By-Law Change
01-2012**

Proposal:

To add a provision requiring a two-thirds vote of the membership to fill any volunteer position with a paid person

Background/Justification:

1. Ensure full disclosure to the membership of potential changes to the current “all volunteer” system at HCFAS.
2. Keep the membership continuously informed of serious discussions, inquiries, and intentions of HCFAS administration to hire paid personnel.
3. Give the topic of hiring paid staff the proper discussion time within the membership of several weeks to months VERSUS it is a Board motion presented and voted on within days (or potentially the same night of the Board meeting).
4. Allow the membership ample opportunity of finding and exhausting alternatives prior to hiring paid personnel to resolve HCFAS staffing issues.
5. Give the membership the right to cast a vote on a resolution to hire paid personnel.
6. Have a 2/3's majority of the membership at a meeting in agreement that the current “all volunteer” system needs paid supplementation.

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

ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 – OBJECT OF THE CORPORATION

The object of the Corporation will be to provide first aid and/or emergency ambulance transportation to hospitals for victims of injury, illness, sudden disablement or disaster. These services will be rendered without charge to anyone regardless of race, sex, religion and national origin. The corporation will provide these services through the service of volunteer members and shall not fill any volunteer position with a paid person (employee or independent contractor) without a resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership at a general or special membership meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors may authorize temporary use of paid emergency personnel in the event that it should determine that the staffing requirements of the Corporation cannot be met by volunteers, but must present the case for the same to the membership not later than the next general membership meeting.

Proposers	
Paul Kelly, #634	/s/
Christopher Winter, #897	/s/
Lehti Laas, 938	/s/

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2012 General Membership Meeting
Date: June 11, 2012

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	ABSENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	ABSENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Paul Biersack	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	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 Kurt Vetter	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Pre Meeting Class / Demonstration/Raffle

Hubbinette & Cowell Golf Outing Raffle

HCFAS Scholarship Drawing

Meeting called to order at 1930 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.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Jim Mallilo's #1030 and Chris Mallilo's #1234 Father (Grandfather) is still very ill, prayers are needed, calls are welcome.
- Eileen Burns# 767 is finally out of the hospital and riding again. Congratulations.
- Bill Martin #1063 is back from illness and working the kitchen. Congratulations
- Mary Winter #485 had cataract operations on both eyes and now doesn't know who I am.
- Ken Manning #1236 was hospitalized recently surgical procedure. He is in rehabilitation.

We Mourn the Loss of: It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of the following:

- Marie VanBenschoten, Grandmother of member Kristin VanBenschoten, #1356.
- Len Davis grandfather of Captain Karen Martin # 1118
- Julia Cruz Mother of Javier "Tony" Cruz Mother in Law to former member Minerva Cruz and grandmother to Krystal Cruz # 1211.
- Dody Hayes Brother of Kathy Hayes #749
- Grandmother in law of Cecilia Renderos.

Longevity Awards – President Winter

Joseph "Joe" Nappi # 753 – 25 years of Service

Exempt Member

Crew Leader

Social Committee

First Aid Supplies

CPR Instructor

Joe is a regular member of the Tuesday 0700 shift. He never missed a shift, not even after a long day at work. Ok, he might have missed a few, but over the 25 years not bad.

Joe is our replacement sanitation engineer for Fran Jazombeck he cleans the refrigerator every Tuesday night.

Joe was always a gentleman until he came to the Tuesday 1900 shift and then he became corrupted by the crew. I really think it *was* John!

His usual greeting is – "Hi, Thanks for coming", if you ask him he would say "I had nothing better to do". If he came in a little late you received the same greeting.

Thank you for your 25 years of outstanding service.

Secretary's Report

Robert Franz

Motion by Bernard Hershkowitz and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to accept the May 14, 2012 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.

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Incoming: Thank you letters: member Sally Staszak and daughter Hilary Staszak; resident Geoffrey Mascaro.

Secretary Franz announced the results of the following:

HCFAS Scholarship Drawing:

1 Leslie Flores

2 Venel Grimadeau

3 Matthew Valle

4 Olivia Sisinni

5 Patricia Salajka

6 Claudy Grimadeau

7 Lindsay Magerle

Secretary Franz mentioned that an anonymous benefactor will be making a \$1,500 donation to the Squad to fund \$500 scholarships for applicants' number 5, 6 & 7 pending acceptance of the donation by the Board of Directors.

Hubbinette & Cowell July 10th Golf Outing Raffle:

1. Donna Mastropietro

2. Brian Canty

3. Harvey Lapidus

4. Kevin DeFriest

5. John Palmieri

6. Tyler Gibbs

7. Andy Ball

8. Tom Lemp

9. Al. Szigethy

10. Jim Lupo

11. Mark Cappola

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.

- Uniform Code Revision was reviewed by the Board of Directors and recommendations were made to the committee. Members; chairman Deacon Ed Billia, Robert Franz, Andrea Golinsky, Bernie Hershkowitz, Annette Hershkowitz, Gerry Giacomini and Honorary Member Jean Giacomini.

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- I would like to thank Robert Franz for acquiring an additional \$1,500.00 from an anonymous donor to supplement our HCFAS Scholarship Drawing. This gives us three additional scholarship opportunities. Thank you Bob.
- Reading of Sal Signorelli's family letter.

Board Actions as of 05/24/12

- Vito Reciniello Meeting Room Request

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

No report submitted.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

To start, I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

- Joe Nappi – 25 years
- William Bill Martin - 10 years
- Donna Smith – 5 years

“Outback EMS Provider” for March – Kelly Murphy

Chief Palmieri mentioned the following:

Thanked members who participated in the following events:

EMS Memorial Albany, NY

WTC Memorial NYC visit

TOH Memorial Wreath Ceremony

TOH Memorial Day Parade

Long Island 2 Day Breast Cancer Walk (Coordinator Michele Miller)

Other events coming up:

Huntington Manor Fire Department Parade – Wednesday July 18 7:30PM

Eatons Neck FD Parade – July 4th 10AM

Chief Palmieri reported on the NYS DOH Bureau of EMS surprise inspection by Brian Sherwood. The Squad received a glowing report thanks to all our members doing their job every day.

Annual OSHA Update (Blood Borne Pathogen) mandated review training must be completed by Thursday or you will be locked out of the building.

If you are missing 2 or more review trainings, you will not be able to ride.

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Calling in or emailing your day captain at 3AM that you will not be in for your shift is unacceptable for a non emergency event – you must give your day captain more time.

First Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr (as posted)

~ Dispatchers, please remember to enter people doing back-up on the back-up log for the Outback EMS Provider of the Month. We are having members state that they are doing back-up and not getting credit.

~ EMS Week shirts and Beach Permits are in and available to all active members. If you haven't gotten yours, see either Roger W. or any Chief Officer.

~ On June 24th the YMCA is sponsoring an open water swim off of Lloyd Neck Beach. We assisted Cold Spring Harbor last year and have been asked to assist this year as well. They need several ambulances on site according to their permit. We have been asked to provide two (2) ambulances and ALS. The swim starts at 7:00am and goes till 10:00am; we need to be on site by 6:45am. We could still use a couple of First Aiders for this stand-by, please contact me if you can help with this stand-by.

~ As per Chapter VI of Title 10 NYCRR Part 800.21(k)(1) we are required to have a copy of certification on record and they must be reviewed annually. Fifty (50) phone calls were made last week to members that, according to our records, had expired certifications as of May 31, 2012. If you received one of these calls please provide me with a current copy of your certification (s) so that we have it on file. Remember, that it is your responsibility to maintain your compliance with the By-Laws that require current certification to be a member of the Squad.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

Narcan in service will be on:

Wednesday June 20 @ 7:30PM

Monday June 25th @ 7:30PM

Saturday June 30th @ 9AM

Suffolk County would like everyone in serviced by July 1st.

The new O2 bags will be put on the Ambulances on Tuesday June 12th.

The checkout sheet has been updated with all the changes.

Aspirin has been added to the O2 bags and extra Aspirin will be in the BLS Drug draw.

Tourniquets in service.

Just a reminder that the Hemostatic Dressings are for Severe bleeding only.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Paul Biersack (as posted)

BUILDING

- HVAC

- Ready Room – Coils and filters have been changed and a leak repaired. Roof Top Unit #4 (RTU4) was recharged with R-22 refrigerant and system tested OK.
- Admin Wing – Thermostat went dead, A/C stopped working. Traditional Air repaired.

- Basement

- A leak was reported in the hallway outside the Uniform Closet and thought to be coming from the Mechanical Room. I promptly investigated and determined two separate leaks:
 - Uniform Closet – This leak was actually related to the broken carbonation pump in the Vending Room (see below). I traced the water along the common wall between the Uniform Closet door and the inside corner of the Vending Room, just under the pumps. Repair work will be combined with repair work from the original leak earlier this year.
 - Mechanical Room – The puddle around Air Handler #3 (AH3) appeared to be caused by excessive condensation and a clogged drainage pipe. I cleared the floor drain and adjusted the angle of the drainage outlets so water wouldn't accumulate in the pipes. I mopped the section of floor and over time, the puddle has not returned. I still need to replace a section of insulation but this problem seems largely resolved for now.
- Restoration work still pending. Received two proposals for repair and one contractor has declined to bid for the work. *UPDATE – Rich Stone is gathering additional bids.*

- Beverage Systems

- Hot cocoa machine – David Mohr (#748) and Tyler Gibbs (#1252) contained a leak and Brian Canty (#757) ordered repair of the machine.
- Soda fountain – The cooling reservoir for the carbonation pumps caused a water leak in the Vending Room. Soda fountain had to be shut down temporarily while Brian Canty ordered repair work. Machine has been fixed and soda fountain is back online.

- Exercise Room

- It was reported the cables had come free of the fly station and that the plastic coating has worn down. I have fed the cables back through their respective pulleys so the machine functions again but will have someone replace the worn cables. *Work in progress*

- Truck Room

- North Bay # 3 – Pulley cable on left side of the garage door snapped during my overnight shift. TM Kenney has replaced the broken cable and oiled and adjusted the system.
- Floor cleaning machine reportedly not holding a charge. Batteries are relatively new but did find a broken pin in the quick disconnect for the battery charger. Am having difficulty finding a direct replacement part. *Work in progress*

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- Discovered a broken door handle between the Truck Room and the Dispatch Lobby. Have freed the mechanism so that the door doesn't stick anymore but locking mechanism needs to be replaced. *Work in progress*
- Ready Room
 - Estimates are being gathered to replace the aging recliners and possibly the entertainment system.
- Fire Suppression Systems
 - Inspection of the fire suppression system over the range in the Upstairs Kitchen has been completed.
 - Inspection of the fire suppression system of the entire building is pending.
- Landscaping
 - Spring cleanup has been completed and regular maintenance schedule is in effect.
 - Sprinkler system has been blown out and pressure tested for leaks. Broken sprinkler heads have been replaced and system timers programmed.
- Parking Lot
 - Need to contact blacktop vendor to replace parking bumper and discuss seal coating versus repaving of the entire parking lot. *Work in progress*

VEHICLES

- Weekly maintenance and inspections continue as scheduled for all vehicles.
- A box of flares has been purchased to replenish each ambulance.
- New York State Emissions and Safety Inspection has been completed for 16, 80 and 89.
- Windshield wiper blades have been replaced for 17, 80 and 89.
- Screeching noise on 17 and 20 – Details to follow but, long story short, the electrical systems on these vehicles are aging and need additional time to stabilize (up to 2 minutes!) before they are capable of handling the loads put upon them by the emergency lighting, sirens and all interior electronics. All crew members can help mitigate this problem by remembering to turn OFF all interior lights, air conditioning, etc when the ambulance is not running (especially in the rear). Drivers can help by waiting about 30 seconds from the time the ambulance is running to the time all emergency lighting is turned ON. More information to follow! *Work in progress*
- Unit 16
 - Daytime running lights were reported malfunctioning by several members. Took some time to replicate the problem before reporting to Ace Auto and they could not determine the cause. Possibly related to the control module for emergency lighting. Also, the front passenger side window is intermittently malfunctioning. *UPDATE – Proliner has replaced faulty regulators, switch assembly and control module to correct problems with DRLs and front passenger window.*
 - At Proliner for adjustment of parking brake and rear step bumper. *Work in progress*
- Unit 17
 - Problem with load management. Verified sizeable voltage drop when electrical draw is increased. High idle struggles to adequately compensate (causes the squeaky belts and rubbery smell from engine) and so the load reducer takes over by cutting power to various lights (the front lightbar “not working”). Ace Auto

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has identified and corrected a problem with the deep cycle batteries not receiving adequate charging voltage. They found an open circuit at the battery switch and repaired it.

- Body work – When all ambulances return from Proliner, will have this sent out to have the alignment of the front Driver's side door corrected and for paint and body work. *Work in progress*

- Unit 19

- Air conditioning problem reported by Rich Stone to Ace, who completed the repair.

- Unit 20

- Air conditioning problem reported and verified. Ace replaced aging A/C compressor, tested system for leaks and recharged with Freon. A/C blowing "cold" again.

- Unit 21

- Air conditioning problem reported on the return trip from EMS Memorial in Albany for EMS Week. This vehicle went out to Proliner and they replaced a defective cooling plate.

- Gas Cards

- Valero gas card is still missing from Unit 89. Please report missing gas cards immediately and be sure they are in or returned to the correct vehicles.
- Wright Express gas cards also work at Valero.

REMINDERS

- Please remember to call me at 631-793-0702 (the Third Deputy cell phone) for all urgent problems in the building and at any time a vehicle is taken out of service. If I am unable to answer, please leave a voicemail and I will follow up as soon as possible! For non-critical issues, please submit a maintenance form to the Third Deputy mailbox so that I may complete the repair and follow up if necessary.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

No report submitted.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein

No Report submitted.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

Thank you to everyone who has filled in on a shift and answered back up calls. Your help is always appreciated.

Mondays schedule is posted on web site, if you are looking for Co. 8 time please come on down.

Anyone that can come in to dispatch so Andrew can ride would be more than welcome.

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Welcome back Kristen Tiersch after an illness and also welcome back to Bill Martin who has returned to duty helping out with administration..

Reminder to crew members to check their expiration dates on their certification cards and make sure they are current. Please submit copies of certification cards upon receipt after completion of course.

Please continue to help each other out and keep up on the assigned duty chores for your shift. It helps us all out and makes for a much nicer environment if we all pitch in.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

Need help on the 7AM shift otherwise everything is going good.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No report submitted.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan

No report submitted.

Friday Co. 5 – Kurt Vetter

First, I'd like to once again thank everyone who has been stepping up and doing extra shifts and filling voids when needed.

We are always in need of first aiders on all shifts and everyone is welcome to come in whenever they can.

On behalf of us all, I would like to wish Ken Manning a fast and complete recovery from his recent spinal surgery. Hurry back Kenny, your crew misses the drama of your driving.

I'd like to extend congratulations To Steeven Jean for passing ambulance orientation. Steeven is doing a great job riding as an aid and is sure to move up to First aider in short order.

We desperately need a dispatcher on the overnight shift. Anyone who can come in to fill this position on any Friday please notify me @ kvetter322@aol.com or 1516-353-8597

I hope everyone has a great summer

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

I was thinking about what to write as part of my review of the May statistics. In short, we ran 63 calls (including 23 calls on May12) with only 1 "24" for the month. Props to you all!

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But there's a better message to share with you and, while, strictly-speaking, it wasn't a May event, it is definitely worth distributing. It comes from Kristin Van Benshoten and it concerns a routine 29-B-1M MVA on the June 2nd Saturday 2300 shift:

Dear Mark,

I felt compelled to drop you an email about last night's calls. We had an MVA come in some time around 11:30 pm at 448 W. Jericho Trnpg, a 29-B-1M. It originally seemed relatively simple. Rig 19 went out with a full crew, with Karen Martin driving, Samantha Ryan as a crew leader, and Dale Bartolomeo and Chris Daddura as EMT/First Aiders. Shortly after arriving on scene, 19 radioed to headquarters that they were going to need an additional rig. Luckily Matt Valle and Laurie Hoffman were in house and volunteered to take 20 out to the call.

19 then radioed in a few minutes later that they were going to need yet another rig on scene. Amanda Manning, who was dispatch training with me, and I started paging out for another crew. Kyle Rudden and Bob Loysch called in and came to the building, taking Rig 16 to the scene. Keith Rubenstein also called in to see if we needed additional aid.

Being a typical Saturday overnight shift, we got yet another call around 12:30am, this time for a cardiac arrest. Paul Biersack and Nancy Courtemanche rushed over and took 17 to the scene, and Kelly Murphy called in waiting standby in case they needed additional manpower.

Through all the craziness of both scenes, cars on fire, crowds of onlookers, and multiple patients (the MVA having six patients taken to the hospital in the end), every call was covered and each patient received the proper care. I was incredibly impressed with how everyone handled the situation and how many responded to the calls, especially since it was in the late Saturday hours. I wanted to express how thankful I was to everyone that showed up to help. And I also wanted to express my gratitude to Amanda Manning easing me through a very chaotic call, which she handled with grace and a cool head. I've certainly learned a lot tonight.

I just wanted to make you aware of everyone that responded. Thankfully because of the large response, we were able to avoid having to take the call to another department. I think the response to these two calls really shows the dedication and hard work of our members. As a fairly new member, I'm very happy and proud to be a part of Huntington Community. And I certainly think now, more than ever, I'm really for my dispatch test!

Hope all is well by you!

Kristin VanBenschoten #1356

I couldn't have said it better myself! I've said this many times to you in the past, but it bears repeating once again: I am constantly amazed at the level of dedication shown by the members of HCFAS. Your quick responses to all types of calls, in all types of weather, at all times of the day, every day of the year, is truly beyond compare. There are no words to express my pride in being a member of HCFAS and the honor I have in being able to be Saturday Day Captain.

NICE JOB EVERYONE!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) - Andrea Golinsky

Andrea talked about the EMS Memorial Ceremony held in Albany, NY in May.

The next District 7 meeting will be at Wyandanch Wheatley Heights Ambulance on Tuesday 6/19 at 8PM. All HCFAS members are invited to attend.

The Legislative committees of the Association, District 7 and the Squad have been kept very busy keeping abreast of pending EMS legislative bills before the session ends in 10 days. Letters of opposition have been sent to NYS legislators regarding S7013C & A9943C exempting Certificate of Need requirements for municipalities and Fire Districts. Also letters have been sent to SC legislators regarding budget cuts in the SC DOH EMS division.

Class A Uniforms- Andrea Golinsky

Anyone, off probation, who would like a Class A uniform must fill out a form located in the rack outside the dispatch office. Please make sure you take the correct form and fill out the form with the information requested. Every effort will be made to fill the order from stock. If that is not possible, you will be given a purchase order to take to the vendor in Bohemia to be fitted and a uniform will be ordered for you.

Scholarships or Tuition Assistance – Bob Franz

Information on available scholarships or tuition assistance programs sponsored by various entities will be posted on the bulletin board closest to the dispatch office or emailed as information is received or the Squad is made aware of a program. Please read the eligibility criteria and recipient requirements of each program carefully. If you require any additional information, please call Bob Franz or put a note in his mail box.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 25th – 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 25, 2012. 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.

LOSAP List 2011 – Bob Franz

The 2011 LOSAP listing will be delivered to the TOH Comptroller since the mandatory 30 day posting period ended. There were no reported changes to the listing.

Post 215- Sheryl Roach

- In an effort to still try and do something special for the Installation of the new Officers for 2012-2013, I am planning a Breakfast on June 16th from 9am-11am at HCFAS.

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- The plan is to have breakfast, Swear in the New Officers, and give the parents a demonstration of the skills that you have learned throughout the year. I still need RSVP's for this event since food will have to be purchased. Please let me know if you will be there or not, and a total of immediate family members that you will bring, no later than Tuesday, June 12th.
- The Post participated with EMS Open House events by washing multiple ambulances the day before the open house, and then by giving ambulance tours, demonstrating CPR, and assisting with face painting.
- We went to the Met Game for EMS night.
- We participated in the Memorial Day Parade with about a dozen kids.
- We will be voting in new Officers this Tuesday night, and having our Installation event on Saturday.
- We are working on booking 2 fun events over the summer that we will open to adult membership as well.
 - The first: a private tour of Citifield and their EMS facility, and then we will stay for a game - cost TBA
 - The second: Whitewater rafting - also cost TBA.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty:

Annual picnic at West Hills Day Camp Saturday 7/14 (rain date 7/15).

Annual installation at Watermill Caterers Saturday 2/23/13

Stand By – Donna Smith

HMFD Fair – Sing up sheet posted 7/17-to-7/21.

West Neck Swim

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

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

Fund Drive – Pete Nakelski & Mary Brenner

2nd Wave going out at end of June.

Old business:

None

New business:

None

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

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Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committees; Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Dale Bartolomeo, Christy Stiles, Israel Cortez, Tom O'Leary, Carol Nucci, Claire Tesoriero and Greg Orr.
Setup Committee; Roger Winter, Mary Winter, Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. London Fog Jewelry (Martha Brenner) – Casey Orr
2. Pindar Pythagoras Red (VSS) – Carmen Schlieben
3. \$15 Subway Gift Card – Mary Winter
4. \$15 Subway Gift Card – Samantha Mohr
5. Hanging Basket – Donna Smith
6. Hanging Basket - Alyssa Axelrod
7. Candy Assortment (Sugar Beez M.B. Kraese) - Richard Stone
8. Candy Assortment (Sugar Beez M.B. Kraese) – Carol Nucci
9. Candy Assortment (Sugar Beez M.B. Kraese) – Nancy Courtemanche
10. Candy Assortment (Sugar Beez M.B. Kraese) – Heidi Magerle
11. Candy Assortment (Sugar Beez M.B. Kraese) – Joanne Vogel
12. Candy Assortment (Sugar Beez M.B. Kraese) – Kurt Vetter

Motion by Liz Steenson and seconded by Casey Stone to adjourn the meeting at 2015 hours.
Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: July 1, 2012

Approved: July 11, 2012

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2012 General Membership Meeting
Date: July 9, 2012

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Paul Biersack	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	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 Kurt Vetter	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Raffle

- New York Mets vs. Colorado Rockies
Monday August 20, 2012 – 7:10 PM
Two pair of 2 Tickets + 1 Parking Pass
Hubbinette Cowell Associates Inc.
Jeff O'Neill + Parking
Heidie Magerle

➤ Cole Brothers

Circus of the Stars

Free Ticket for a child with the purchase of an Adult Ticket

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (64 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

- Continued prayers and get well wishes are needed for Jim Mallilo's #1030 and Chris Mallilo's #1234 Father (Grandfather) He has been hospitalized just recently.
- Phil Schmidt #563 was hospitalized shortly, apparently he has recovered.
- William "Mike" Barker #862 has had surgery recently, we anticipate a quick recovery. Calls and prayers are welcome.

We Mourn the Loss of: It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of the following:

- Gerard Poole brother of Bernard Poole #872. Mass was conducted at St. Patrick's RCC, in Huntington, NY, Monday June 25, 2012.
- We are sad to announce the sudden and untimely passing of Tiffany White's fiancé
- Paul Losito on July 5th, father of Angie Kalodukas #1090 and Grandfather-in-law of member Tom Romano #939.

Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to change the order of the meeting for the first reading of the proposed By-Laws amendment 03-2012 and the reading and discussion of the proposed SOP amendment 02-2012.

Unanimous

The proposed By-Laws amendment 03-2012 was read by David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee. See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment. Amendment would require a consensus vote on proposed changes to the SOP by the membership, requiring the Board of Directors to take up the issue within 30 days and requiring the Secretary to publish the results within 10 days.

The proposed SOP amendment 02-2012 was read by David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee. Discussion followed. See the end of minutes below for the proposed SOP amendment. Amendment would add certain eligibility criteria for the receipt of gifts to Article X – Policies, Section 1 Purchasing Policy, Paragraph A (17) – Miscellaneous Items. Amendment would also add certain eligibility criteria for events sponsored by the Squad to Article IX – Protocols, Section 1 – Social Committee Protocols.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Sally Staszak and seconded by Kurt Vetter to accept the June 11, 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

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Incoming: Thank you letters: Shirley Community Ambulance; St. Anthony's High School - \$250 donation and Scholarship recipients: Patty Salajka, Claudy Grimadeau, Olivia Sisinni and Lindsay Magerle.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

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1. Distribute life member Badge and Life Member Pin to – Hugh O'Brien
2. A Stand-by is a good learning tool for ACL, try one on for size.

Board Actions as of June 14, 2012- June 28, 2012

- Konica Minolta Business Solutions 60 month Purchase Reminder
- NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 2012, 57th Annual Educational Conference & Trade Show Advertisement
- NYSVA&RA Drill Competition Trophies
- Christy Stiles #1024 General Meeting Room Request
- Adept Technology Consulting Group, Inc. Purchase of a 5 hour block of hours.
- Additional Scholarship Awards 2012 funded by anonymous donor
- NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 57th Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show Delegates.
- EMS WORLDEXPO, New Orleans 2012
- NYSVA&RA 2012 Pulse Check 57th Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show for Members.

Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

July 2012 General Membership Meeting Treasurers Report Financial Review of 1st & 2nd Qtr 2012

HCAD – Town Tax Money

Income - \$ 892,750

Expenses - \$510,958

Major Expenses

EMS Supplies	\$	49,935.48
Vehicles		34,715.03
Building		41,544.97
Utilities		29,725.11

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Communications	39,055.94
Professional Fee's	46,647.40
Insurance	95,352.56
Office	11,415.35
Member Inspection	42,906.04
Public Relations/Website	1,698.61
Training	9,544.05
Bond Interest	93,598.76
Other Expenditures	14,818.68
Totals-Expenses	\$ 510,957.98

HCFAS – Squad Money

Income – Fund Drive/Memorials \$49,663 & Misc Don/Interest \$27,791 = \$81,893

Expenses \$37,309

Expenses-

Insurance - Life	\$ 4,396.36
Fund Drive	12,950.00
Events	10,546.57
Goods & Welfare	1,440.76
Donations/Dues/Subscriptions	100.00
Member Services	4,375.78
Scholarship	3,500.00

Totals-Expenses \$ 37,309.47

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Chief's Report – John Palmieri

The BOD has approved sending up to ten members to both Pulse Check in upstate New York and EMS Expo in New Orleans this fall. Since both of these seminars afford our Squad with may varied training possibilities, and since the price tag for these travels may be around \$17000.00, it requires a bit more research as to those persons whom the Squad will be sending. For each of these trips, I will be requiring, in addition to the requirements that the BOD stated in the motions to approve the trips, that those wishing to attend either trip must submit a written, or emailed, explanation as to why they should be chosen to be one of the Squad representatives. The reasoning behind this is so that the Officers can discuss the advantages of sending certain members to each trip. This also serves as a record for later inquiries as to how people were chosen. Finally, additional weight will be given to members who have not had a chance to take one of these trips before or at least, not recently. These are learning experiences where the member has pledged to bring back to the Squad some new insight into running the Department or treating our patients. This will be treated as a privilege, not a right, for every member.

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David will be reading a proposed SOP change tonight that stems, in large part, from the problems that the Day Captains have been having with keeping their members up to date on certifications and review trainings. All members are required to maintain their EMT/B, CC, P, or RTE status to ride the ambulance, as per NYS EMS. The SOPs state that a member may not ride if they are missing more than two review trainings. In order to promote compliance, we are proposing that a type of “social suspension” be inaugurated. Perhaps the loss of social privileges may spur those that have been delinquent in their responsibilities.

I would like to thank those members that went out of their way to represent the Squad in showing their respect for the loss of a members loved one recently. I know that the members appreciate seeing you there and I am proud that we do not let anyone go through that alone.

The picnic is this weekend and I hope that the weather cooperates. Please keep in mind all the little safety warnings about pools, swimming, and boating. Our next parade is the HMFD parade and fair next week and we will be looking for marchers on the 18th and coverage each night.

As of today, I am still waiting for the new EMT Refresher course outlines, so I cannot say when the next course will be, but it will be 3 to 5 sessions longer.

Longevity Awards: I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

- Nimka Khanna – 5 Years

Other events coming up:

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East Northport Fire Department Parade – Wednesday August 1 7PM

First Deputy Chief’s Report – David Mohr (as posted)

~ Dispatchers, please remember to enter people doing back-up on the back-up log for the Outback EMS Provider of the Month. We are having members state that they are doing back-up and not getting credit.

~ EMS Week shirts and Beach Permits are in and available to all active members. If you haven’t gotten yours, see either Roger W. or any Chief Officer.

~ On June 24th the YMCA sponsored an open water swim off of Lloyd Neck Beach. Thank you to Captain Karen Martin, Sally Staszak, Paul Kelly, Tom O’Leary, Fran Vasta and Vito Reciniello for assisting. We had two full ALS crews along with Cold Spring Harbor FD and Halesite FD.

~ Thank You to all the members that have been making copies of your certifications and putting them in mailbox, especially, all the recent new EMT’s and recertified EMT’s. If you got a phone call and haven’t gotten me a copy, please do so ASAP.

Job Well Done

June 27, 2012 - We received a 29-B-1M, a two patient MVA at approximately 2330, responding was **Captain Karen Martin #1118, Captain Sam Ryan #1108, Dale Bartolomeo #1280 and Chris Dadurra #1318.** Upon arriving on scene they had a fully involved car fire, HMFD was immediately requested from their **Dispatcher, Amanda Manning #1322 and Dispatch Trainee Kristen VanBenschoten #1356.** As they approached a police officer informed them that they had six patients. Two more ambulances were requested; responding was **Matt Valle #1238, Laurie Hoffman #1243, Kyle Rudden #1288 and Bobby Loysch #56.** Also assisting was **Vito Reciniello #659** who had responded with HMFD. During this, we also received a call for a cardiac arrest in which **3rd Deputy Chief Paul Biersack #1004 and Nancy Courtemanche #978** responded. **Captain Keith Rubenstein #1154 and Kelly Murphy #1325** also called in and were available to assist. All six patients from the MVA were treated and released from Huntington Hospital and the cardiac arrest ended up being an intoxicated patient that passed out. In the words of one of our newest members, Kristen "I was incredibly impressed with how everyone handled the situation and how many responded to the calls. I think the response to these two calls really shows the dedication and hard work of our members. As a fairly new member, I'm very happy and proud to be a part of Huntington Community." Congratulations to all on a job well done.

June 29, 2012 – 5:15am, a pedestrian struck by a train at the railroad station. **Jeff O'Neill #1299, Kathy Castillo #1276 and Mike Marinello #1046** were dispatched by **John Vasquez #1327** to this multi-agency incident. Upon arrival, multiple SCPD units were on scene along with HMFD. Communications was immediately established with the HMFD Chief and together they formulated a plan for extricating the patient from below the platform. Upon the patient's extrication, the crew did a full trauma assessment and stabilized the patient's badly fractured leg. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

There will be a Gang Awareness presentation on Saturday July 28 at HCFAS.

We had a call on July 9th where we used the nasal Narcan on a opiate overdose. It was the first case for HCFAS and the third for the County. The first dose brought the patients breathing from 2-4 to 6-8 and the second dose was administered by ALS. It was the classic example of how BLS and ALS can work together to save a life.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Paul Biersack (as posted)

BUILDING

- HVAC

- Ready Room – Air conditioning reported broken July 2nd. Attempted to reset zone from the rooftop unit with no luck. Traditional Air came out July 3rd and determined a broken thermocouple in the air handler downstairs. Replacement parts were ordered and Traditional Air returned July 5th to perform repairs. Ready Room thermostat was also replaced same day.
- Admin Wing – Captains Office reportedly "hot" on July 5th. While checking up on Traditional Air, I asked they take a look at the Admin Wing before leaving.

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- Basement
 - Restoration work still pending. Bids submitted to BOD for discussion and approval.
- Exercise Room
 - Multi-gym fly station – Worn cables have been replaced.
 - Broken fan reported in the Exercise Room. Two additional fans have been purchased.
- Truck Room
 - Floor cleaning machine reportedly not holding a charge. Batteries are relatively new but did find a broken pin in the quick disconnect for the battery charger. Am having difficulty finding a direct replacement part. *Work in progress*
 - Discovered a broken door handle between the Truck Room and the Dispatch Lobby. Have freed the mechanism so that the door doesn't stick anymore but locking mechanism needs to be replaced. *UPDATE – The latching mechanism had been broken after I had it working. Have since removed the entire mechanism so door opens freely for now. Looking to replace the door handles with a push bar instead. Work in progress*
 - North Bay # 1 – Door reportedly broken on June 23rd overnight. 1st Deputy Chief reported problem to TM Kenney and they replaced a broken spring June 25th.
 - ClinicalClean Ambulance Sanitation Products - Meeting scheduled with ClinicalClean representative on July 13th to review possible service programs to be used in conjunction with our own sanitization of ambulances.
- Ready Room
 - Estimates are being gathered to replace the aging recliners and possibly the entertainment system. *Work in progress*
 - Silverware drawers reportedly broken. Jim Malillo (#1030) has repaired both drawers.
 - A leak has been reported under the kitchen sink. *Work in progress*
- Upright Installations and Inspections
 - Inspection of the fire suppression system of the entire building is pending.
- Suffolk Water Authority – Backflow Prevention
 - Annual inspection of backflow prevention devices is scheduled for July 25th.
- Parking Lot
 - Need to contact blacktop vendor to replace parking bumper and discuss seal coating versus repaving of the entire parking lot. *Work in progress*
- Floors
 - Have discussed increasing the frequency of carpet and floor cleaning from every 6 months to every 3 months. Potentially, carpets would be cleaned quarterly. Floors would be cleaned during 1st and 3rd quarters and then stripped/sealed 2nd and 4th quarters. This will be scheduled into next year's contract moving forward. *UPDATE – Deep cleaning of floors and carpets are scheduled for July 16th. If additional time is needed, work will also be done on July 17th.*

VEHICLES

- Weekly maintenance and inspections continue as scheduled for all vehicles.
- New York State Emissions and Safety Inspection has been completed for 17 and 81.

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- 292 • Screeching noise on 17 and 20 – Details to follow but, long story short, the electrical systems
293 on these vehicles are aging and need additional time to stabilize (up to 2 minutes!) before
294 they are capable of handling the loads put upon them by the emergency lighting, sirens and
295 all interior electronics. All crew members can help mitigate this problem by remembering to
296 turn OFF all interior lights, air conditioning, etc when the ambulance is not running
297 (especially in the rear). Drivers can help by waiting about 30 seconds from the time the
298 ambulance is running to the time all emergency lighting is turned ON. *Work in progress*
- 299 • Unit 16
 - 300 ○ Parking brake and rear step bumper have been repaired.
 - 301 ○ Air conditioning blowing “cool” but not “cold” up front. A/C blowing cold in patient
 - 302 module. Out to Proliner for repair.
- 303 • Unit 17
 - 304 ○ Body work – When all ambulances return from Proliner, will have this sent out to
 - 305 have the alignment of the front Driver’s side door corrected and for paint and body
 - 306 work. *UPDATE – Proliner has provided an estimate for repairs but it runs a bit high.*
 - 307 *Also with A/C work needed on 16 and the front console dead on 18, we needed to get*
 - 308 *17 back and send those two ambulances out. Body work is postponed for now. Work*
 - 309 *in progress*
- 310 • Unit 18
 - 311 ○ Front console reportedly non functional. Verified dead console and sent to Proliner
 - 312 for repair. Proliner found a loose connection and refitted. Ambulance back in service.
- 313 • Unit 19
 - 314 ○ Reported out of service due to broken portable suction device. Emailed 2nd Deputy
 - 315 Chief for information. *UPDATE – 2nd Deputy Chief advised situation with portable*
 - 316 *suction units has been resolved.*
 - 317 ○ Rear doors on patient module reported inoperable. Ace found a seized latch
 - 318 mechanism, dismantled the doors and repaired.
- 319 • Unit 21
 - 320 ○ Right rear lower corner of the ambulance has taken some damage. This appears to be
 - 321 a cosmetic problem and repair will be ordered next time ambulance goes to Proliner
 - 322 from something electrical or mechanical.
- 323 • Unit 82
 - 324 ○ Reported out of service due to broken portable suction device. Emailed 2nd Deputy
 - 325 Chief for information. *UPDATE – 2nd Deputy Chief advised situation with portable*
 - 326 *suction units has been resolved.*
- 327 • Unit 89
 - 328 ○ A chip has been reported in the front windshield. *UPDATE – Windshield is worn and*
 - 329 *pitted and while filling the chip will temporarily repair the chip, the windshield is*
 - 330 *probably better off being replaced. An estimate will be coming soon. Work in*
 - 331 *progress*
- 332 • **Thank you** to Paul Kelly (#634), Brian Canty (#757) and Paul Rittenhouse (#1146) for their
333 help putting on, taking off and relocating ALS narcotics and equipment for various
334 ambulances these last few months as ambulances have to go back and forth between
335 mechanics on short notice. Thank you to any other ALS providers who have done the same
336 and that I just don’t know about.

REMINDERS

- ***Please remember to call me at 631-793-0702 (the “Third Deputy” cell phone) for all urgent problems in the building and at any time a vehicle is taken out of service.*** If I am unable to answer, please leave a voicemail and I will follow up as soon as possible! For non-critical issues, please submit a maintenance form to the Third Deputy mailbox so that I may complete the repair and follow up if necessary.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

No report submitted.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain’s Report – Keith Rubenstein

No Report submitted.

Monday Co. 2 Captain’s Report – Karen Martin

A big thank you goes out to everyone that has filled in on a shift or done back up for us on Mondays-

The 1100 shift is forever grateful to Joe Gander Sr. who has been coming in just about every week but continues to threaten me that he will not be.....I am just going to put him down automatically from now on and that means he will have to come in, right? Thanks Joe!!!

Continued thanks to Sheryl Roach, Tom O’Leary, Jeff Brenner, Steeven Jean, Michelle Miller, Sheryl Burke, Linda Guadagnin, Tyler Gibbs, Joe Grant, Liz Mohr, Dale Bartolomeo, Juan Flores, Kathy Castillo, Orlando Salcedo, Joey Denimarck, Al Szigethy, and John Connors. My apologize to anyone I have missed.

I want to welcome Matthew Geshuny #1367 to the 1100 shift, you will be working with great people.

Congratulations to Jennifer Ladd #1267 for being advanced to full driver status

I also need to make mention to Mark Brenner and Kristen Tiersch for washing our ambulances in between calls, it is very much appreciated.

Welcome back to Bill Martin (Pop) who is now doing administrative work. It is great to see you back in the building.

Welcome back to George Reeder #1328 from his Military LOA and good luck with drivers training

Also Monique Moreno has RTD as dispatch only and Kristen Tiersch to full riding status after a brief hospital stay

Unfortunately we had to 24 a call on 7/2 during the 2300 shift as the on duty crew was on another call

Please make sure you are fingering in and out of your shifts and make sure all certifications are current and been submitted to your day captain

Congratulations to everyone that passed their EMT exams

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain’s Report - Greg Orr

No report submitted.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain’s Report – Alison Russo

No report submitted.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan

No report submitted.

Friday Co. 5 – Kurt Vetter

First, I'd like to welcome two new members to Co. 6

Kristin Schwartz-Perkins #1369 will be dispatch training on the 1900-2300 and

Lorely Villamide Herrera will also be dispatch training on the 2300-0700 shift.

Let's all welcome them to the family and make them feel at home.

Once again, we have had no 24s in the past month as has been the case since January. My sincere thanks goes out to all of you on Friday and all those who have answered up on backup.

Things are running pretty smoothly and you have all made my job as captain nowhere like the horror stories that I was told would become part of the Job.

As always, we can use extra help from first aiders all the way up to ALS, So feel free come in and help out and try to check the "help wanted" in the emails sent by Dave and give me a buzz so I can add you to the roster.

I hope that everyone has a great and safe Summer, and remember to stay hydrated especially working your shifts

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

June ended with quite a day. On Saturday June 30, we unofficially (I haven't seen all the PCR's as yet), answered 35 calls in one 24-hour period. There were a few times when we emptied the building of ambulances. In the middle of one flurry of calls, the CAD system went array and both Rich Gierbolini and Laura Treulich worked to manually enter the data. We did have one 24 but even that one, we ultimately took back and handled. It was only possible by outstanding performances from the regular crews and many people who called in to do backup.

- Condolences to **Meagan Pereira** (Sat. 2300) on the recent lost of her Grandmother.
- Best wishes to **Mike Barker** (Sat 0700) for a speedy recovery from surgery. Hurry back Mike – we really "knee"d you.
- **Kristin VanBenshotten** (Sat 2300) has passed ambulance orientation and will be brought up for advancement to First Aider
- **Claudia Femminella** (Sat 1500) will be scheduling her dispatch test soon.
- Welcome new member **James Ganley** to the 1100 shift

During the past month several members have had to take various LOA's. This is putting a strain on the limited number of people available for the 0700 and 1100 crews. Thanks to everyone who is coming in to help out. Especially Patti Salajka, Jim Lupo, Laura Treulich and Rich Gierbolini

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for coming in and doing extra shifts, as well as many Co. 8 members. If anyone is available to fill in on those shifts, please give me a call at 631-873-6365 or e-mail me at Saturdaycaptain.hcfas@gmail.com. CL's, DR's, FA's and Dispatchers are all welcomed.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) - Andrea Golinsky

The next District 7 meeting will be at South Country Ambulance on Tuesday 8/21 at 8PM. All HCFAS members are invited to attend.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken an active part in sending opposition letters via email to the New York State Legislators regarding an amendment to Article 30 Certificate of Need.

Pulse Check 2012 - The quality of the seminars has improved each year. The conference will be in Suffern County which is closer to LI. A list of the seminars are on the bulletin board or you can go to NYSVARA.org website for conference & hotel registration. You must submit a listing of the seminars you want to attend to the 2nd Deputy Chief for approval.

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 25th.

Suffolk REMSCO – Bob Franz

The next meeting is tomorrow evening at 7PM at SC EMS in Hauppauge.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 25th – 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 25, 2012. 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. 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.

Post 215- Sheryl Roach

No report submitted.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty:

Annual picnic at West Hills Day Camp – The Sign up for the picnic to be held July 14th, from 12:00 – 5:00PM. Bring a smile and a bathing suit (rain date 7/15).

Annual installation at Watermill Caterers Saturday 2/23/13.

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Stand By – Donna Smith

HMFD Fair – Sign up sheet posted 7/17-to-7/21.

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

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

Fund Drive – Pete Nakelski & Mary Brenner

The 2nd Wave has gone out.

Old business:

None

New business:

None

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committees; Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Dale Bartolomeo, Christy Stiles, Israel Cortez, Tom O’Leary, Carol Nucci, Claire Tesoriero.

Setup Committee; Roger Winter, Mary Winter, Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Pindar Pathagoras Red Table Wine (VSS) – Carol Nucci
2. BBQ Package – Joanne Vogel
3. BBQ Package – Jenna Arcati
4. AMC Movie Gift Card \$25 – Mary Sisinni
5. AMC Movie Gift Card \$25 – Richard Stone

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Bernie Hershkowitz to adjourn the meeting at 2030 hours. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: July 31, 2012

Approved: November 12, 2012

**Proposed By-Law Change
03-2012**

Proposal:

To require a consensus vote on proposed changes to the SOP, requiring the Board of Directors to take up the issue within 30 days and requiring the Secretary to publish the results within 10 days.

Background/Justification:

The current SOP change rules require an SOP be brought to the membership for comment but not for a membership vote. Some people are uncomfortable speaking at the meetings, and many feel there is no reason to speak if their point of view has already been verbalized. The actual majority opinion of the membership is left up to interpretation as to how many members are in favor of or against a specific SOP proposal. This change leaves the authority to pass an SOP change with the Board of Directors; however, this will allow the Board members to be clear on how the members feel about the issue.

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

Article XI, SECTION 2 - STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

This Article establishes the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) as an operational document of the Corporation. The operational aspects of the functions of the Corporation shall be the body of Standard Operating Procedures. These rules and regulations shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors. The Uniform Code shall be considered a part of the Standard Operating Procedure. Any changes to the Standard Operating Procedures will be submitted to the By-Law Committee Chair person for review. The By-Law Committee Chair will provide a copy to the PULSE editor for publication in the next issue and they will be read (for comment) and voted on for a consensus of membership opinion only at a the General Membership Meeting following the PULSE publication prior to being approved by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall take up the matter no later than 30 days following the General Membership Meeting, and, the Secretary shall see that the results of the vote and if applicable the new/changed SOP is distributed to the membership by email and updated on the website within 10 days of the Board's vote. The Standard Operating Procedures shall govern all aspect of the operations, except when superseded by the By-Laws of the Corporation.

Proposers

Martha Brenner #236 /s/ _____

Tom O'Leary #1187 /s/ _____

Kurt Vetter #1161 /s/ _____

First Reading: July 9, 2012
Second Reading: _____

Proposed SOP Change 02-2012

Proposal:

To add certain eligibility criteria to the receipt of gifts or events sponsored by the Squad

Background/Justification:

On June 23, 2011 the Board of Directors added certain eligibility criteria to the receipt of the annual holiday gift card. This proposed change codifies and expands those eligibility criteria to all gifts or events sponsored by the Squad.

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

Add the following to Article X – Policies, Section 1 – Purchasing Policy, Paragraph A (17) – Miscellaneous Items.

(f) Gift Eligibility – In order to receive a holiday gift card as approved by the Board of Directors annually, a member must fulfill the following requirements:

i The member must be a member in good standing as defined in Article II, Section 1 of the SOP's, with the exception of the hourly commitment, which is defined in paragraph (iii) and (iv) below, by December 1st.

ii The member may not have been suspended, or received a temporary suspension, during the twelve (12) month period preceding December 1st.

iii By December 1st, Operational members must have completed thirty-six (36) four (4) hour duty tours or thirty-six (36) eight (8) hour overnight duty tours or eighteen (18) eight (8) hour duty tours if on Alternating Overnight Status. Duty tours include both weekly shifts and each four (4) hour standby.

iv By December 1st, Administrative members must have completed and submitted to the Chief Dispatcher a total of eighty-two (82) hours of duty time.

v. Any exception to the above must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors.

Amend and add the following to Article IX – Protocols, Section 1 – Social Committee Protocols.

For these Social Committee Protocols an adult is defined a person eighteen years of age or older. A minor is a person below the age of eighteen.

1. Eligibility Criteria - For a member to attend any social event as described below they must meet the following eligibility criteria:

A. The member must be a member in good standing as defined in Article II, Section 1 of the SOP's, with the exception of the hourly commitment, which is defined in paragraph (C) and (D) below, one month prior to the event.

B. The member may not have been suspended, or received a temporary suspension, during the six (6) month period preceding the event.

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- 593 C. By one (1) month prior to the event, Operational members must have completed
594 eighteen (18) four (4) hour duty tours or eighteen (18) eight (8) hour overnight duty
595 tours or eighteen (9) eight (8) hour duty tours if on Alternating Overnight Status
596 during the prior six months. Duty tours include both weekly shifts and each four (4)
597 hour standby.
598 D. By one (1) month prior to the event, Administrative members must have completed
599 and submitted to the Chief Dispatcher a total of forty-one (41) hours of duty time
600 during the prior six months.
601 E. Any exception to the above must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the
602 Board of Directors.
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604 Amend and adjust all number within the section subsequent the proposed change.
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Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2012 General Membership Meeting
Date: August 13, 2012

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	ABSENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Paul Biersack	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	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 Kurt Vetter	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is not present per the sign in sheet (48 eligible members).

President Roger Winter 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

- Joann Vogel #861 was hospitalized recently, she is out and about recovering, calls and prayers are welcome.
- Casey Orr #1283 was hospitalized recently; prayers and get well wishes are welcome.

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- Christopher Mallilo #1234 is ill; prayers and get well wishes are needed.
- Ken Manning #1236 was hospitalized, he is now home recovering, calls are welcome.

We Mourn the Loss of: It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of the following:

- Anthony Mallilo Father of Chief Dispatcher Jim Mallilo #1030 & Grandfather to Christopher Mallilo #1234

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

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: The family of Anthony Mallilo and the Losito family.

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.

1. Manor Fuel Co., Inc. fuel purchase program. Please take a brochure if you would like to participate.
2. Carol Rocco has asked the following: The 911 commemorative service to honor the lives of Huntington residents who were lost on Sept 11, 2001 will take place on September 11 at noon in Heckscher Park at the 911 memorial. It would be an honor to have a color guard from your organization present at this brief ceremony. Please ask your members to attend as well. We will all remember those who died from Huntington and the brave responders who are heroes for their efforts to save lives. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Board Actions as of July 19 –August 9, 2012

- Repair of Basement from Soda dispenser incident.
- Install Water Sensors with Relays in the Vending Room, Bike Room.
- HCAD Budget proposal for 2013
- Repurchase Portable Radio, Insurance Settlement.
- Hire M.C. Alliance Energy Group, Inc., as energy consultants.
- Fall Festival 2012 participation, food expenditure, shirt purchase.
- Voting Machine rental and services with County of Suffolk Board of Elections.
- Advance for meals on Election Day for staff working the election.
- Maier's Attendance at the New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association Pulse Check 2012 Memorial Service/Banquet.
- 2012 Election Day Hours. Change the hours of the Election 0700-2000 hours.
- Greenlawn Parade lineup Refreshments

Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

No report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

Chief Palmieri mentioned some upcoming events:

Greenlawn FD Parade - August 30th – be at Squad by 6PM. First Deputy Chief Mohr mentioned the refreshments available at the parade lineup – sandwiches, soda, beer, water etc.

911 Commemorative service Hecksher Park on 9/11 at noon – class A uniform

Cow Harbor Run September 15th

Huntington Community Partnership Parade – September 22nd

Badges presented to: Kelly Murphy and Andrew Taylor

Longevity Awards: I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

- Arlene Lindsay – 10 years

“Outback EMS Provider” for the month – Andrew Taylor

First Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr (as posted)

~ Thank You to all the members that have been making copies of your certifications and putting them in mailbox, especially, all the recent new EMT's and recertified EMT's. A list is posted by the roster area with all expired or expiring cards, if you see your name and have updated certifications; please put a copy in my mailbox.

~ On August 30th we will march in the last parade of the season, Greenlawn's. We will be leaving headquarters at 6:00pm and will have refreshments at the staging area. We will have hero's chips, beer, soda and water. The uniform of the day will be the short sleeve class A shirt, class A pants, and black shoes (not hats, ties or gloves). There is a sign up sheet in the ready room so we can properly plan how much food we will need, so please sign up and attend.

~ The Annual Fall Festival is just around the corner; well it is actually 54 days away, October 6th & 7th. The sign up list is in the ready room and thank you to the members who have already signed up. We still have many more spots to fill. All are welcome, as always there are two shifts per day, 1100 to 1500 and 1500 to 1900. All members attending for a full four hour shift will get a meal voucher or \$10, a LOSAP point and a thank you. Additionally, all members participating will receive a commemorative duty t-shirt for the day.

Job Well Done

July 16, 2012 - 2108 hours, a 73-year-old female in respiratory distress. **Captain Karen Martin #1118, Ann Maloney #921 and Dan Kelly #1096 were dispatched by Paul Nathan #1235.**

Upon arrival on the scene they found a SCPD officer beginning CPR for a witnessed cardiac arrest. Manpower was immediately requested and **Deputy Chief David Mohr #748, George Reeder 1328 and Joel Paul #1068** arrived in a second ambulance and **Tyler Gibbs #1252 and Stephanie Caracciolo #1171** arrived in a first responder vehicle. ALS was immediately initiated with an IV and intubation, which was hampered by a large amount of secretions. Once established, ALS was continued and the patient was moved to the ambulance. Upon arrival at the hospital the patient had a pulse with the assistance of rescue breathing. The entire team worked in concert with each other like a well-oiled machine and while the patient's final outcome was not positive, she had the best chance of survival because of the coordinated work of this crew. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

August 4, 2012 – The 1900 shift started like any other, an MVA at 1901, a sick call at 2058 and another MVA at 2118. At 2146, as the crew, **Golan Stern #1284, Bobby Loysch #56 and Fritz Barreau #1025**, from the sick call were returning to the building they were flagged down by SCPD for a patient with chest pain. As they were calling this into the dispatcher we received another call for another MVA, upon responding, the crew, **Kyle Rudden #1288 and Captain Mark Cappola #1087**, were presented with three (3) patients, two (2) with chest pain and the third with neck and back pain. Two additional ambulances were requested, **Kathy Castillo #1276, Joe Grant #1304, Jody Kavanagh #928, Tyler Gibbs #1252 and Jeff O'Neill #1299**, putting the total number of ambulances on the road to four (4). As triage of the patients by **Captain Mark Cappola** proceeded, a call went to **dispatch Trainee Claudia Femminella #1364 and Dispatcher Melissa Anastos #1309 and Brian Quinn #1256** for PD. This, as the dispatcher was paging for a third crew. Communicating with one rig is normal, two (2) or three (3) gets a little difficult, but to dispatch four (4) rigs by yourself is commendable, but by a person who has only been a member two and a half months is outstanding and worthy of a pat on the back. Well let's give Claudia a pat on the back, because that's what she did and didn't need the help of the other two members that were there to help her. Congratulations to all on a job well done, especially one of our newest members.

August 5, 2012 – 1904 hours, 42-year-old female in cardiac arrest. **John Maier #886, Sue Otto #790 and Carols Suarez #1103** were dispatched by **Sam Mohr #1341**. Upon arrival they found the patient on the second floor in a tight room at the end of a narrow hallway. ALS and Manpower was immediately requested and **Tyler Gibbs #1252, Vito Reciniello #659, Deputy Chief David Mohr #748, Captain Mark Cappola #1087, Captain Keith Rubenstein #1154 and Dale Bartolomeo #1280** all responded in First Responder Vehicles and personal vehicles. Dispatching was backed up by **Rich Cortes #1361, and Alex Klotsche #1363**. ALS was initiated and an intricate extrication began as at points the hallway was only 18" wide, and had several tight turns that had to be negotiated. With the help of SCPD, the patient was moved down a tight, narrow and steep staircase and moved to the ambulance. Upon arrival at the hospital the patient had a pulse, with the crew assisting with respirations. Once again our crews worked in concert with each other spending on twenty-one (21) minutes in the house and a total of only twenty-nine minutes from receipt of the call to being at the hospital, which included a difficult extrication. Unfortunately, the outcome was not as would have been like, but our crews did the best job possible. Also, during this a second alarm came in for a fall, which was handled

by responding personnel **Jeff O'Neill #1299 and Matt Valle #1238**. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

I have received numerous complaints that checkouts are not being done or Checkouts are not being done correctly. Checkouts are all of our responsibility. Sometimes mistakes are made and sometimes checkouts are just not done. I recommend that everyone start their shifts with this in mind.

The officers are committed to making sure that our ambulances are ready for anything but we need your help. We will be looking very closely at checkouts. We are looking at who is doing them, who is not doing them, who is doing them correctly and who is not doing them correctly.

Please check the expiration date of your certifications. David Mohr mentioned that a list is posted on the bulletin board of expired certifications per squad records. If there is an error and you recertified, please submit a copy of your new card.

Chief Palmieri mentioned that he will be teaching an EMT refresher course at HCFAS in the fall and Mark Brenner will be teaching an EMT original course at East Northport FD in the fall.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Paul Biersack (as posted)

BUILDING

- HVAC
 - Admin Wing – Captains Office reportedly “hot” on July 5th. Traditional Air fixed problem.
 - Mechanical Room – Traditional Air was called to take care of leaking condensation on Air Handler 3. They sprayed and reinsulated cooling pipes into the air handler, found and removed a clog from drainage pipes. Condensation appears to be draining properly through floor drainage.
- Basement
 - Restoration work in progress. Wainscoting has been installed on lower half of walls in basement hallway. Thank you Rich Stone (#1149) for moving forward with coordination of restoration work.
- Vending Room
 - Traditional Air installed drain pan underneath soda machine to mitigate future leaks.
- Exercise Room
 - One of the new fans has been reported missing from the Exercise Room on July 19th. Upon receiving the note, I checked the Exercise Room and found the old fan missing instead. The new fan appears to have been returned.
- Truck Room
 - Floor cleaning machine reportedly not holding a charge. Batteries are relatively new but did find a broken pin in the quick disconnect for the battery charger. Am having difficulty finding a direct replacement part. *Work in progress*

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- Discovered a broken door handle between the Truck Room and the Dispatch Lobby. Have freed the mechanism so that the door doesn't stick anymore but locking mechanism needs to be replaced. The latching mechanism had been broken after I had it working. Have since removed the entire mechanism so door opens freely for now. Looking to replace the door handles with a push bar instead.
Work in progress
- North Bay # 3 – Door reportedly broken on July 14th, crew reported that motor won't stop spinning. Responded immediately to building, verified motor spinning, pressed "stop" button on wall and motor stopped. Explained the "fix" to Dispatcher and requested on-duty crew call me when they returned from picnic. On July 16th, duty crew reported that motor wouldn't stop spinning again. I did not hear motor spinning while working in the Truck Room and advised Dispatcher that next time motor keeps spinning, press the "stop" button on the wall to the right of the door. TM Kenney came out and performed maintenance on the motor. No new reports of the motor spinning.
- North Bay # 3 – Door reportedly broken on August 10th, Dispatcher reported that door went up but would not close fully. Door was disconnected from drive chain and is closed. TM Kenney unable to come out for repair on Friday afternoon, will be coming out this week to inspect and repair. *Work in progress*
- ClinicalClean Ambulance Sanitation Products - Met with ClinicalClean Representative about deep cleaning programs designed to complement our current sanitization procedure. Pricing seems reasonable and ClinicalClean has provided pricing estimates. Pending further review.
- Ready Room
 - Estimates are being gathered to replace the aging recliners and possibly the entertainment system. **UPDATE** – *Estimates have been provided to Chief. Pending further review.*
 - A leak was reported under the kitchen sink. Leak seemed to be coming from dishwasher hose as I could not find any wet spots above and the dishwasher hose felt wet only after dishwasher appeared to have been recently used. **UPDATE** – *Dependable Plumbing was scheduled to perform repair July 23rd when they came for upstairs bathroom. Need to verify completed repairs.*
- 2nd Floor Men's Bathroom
 - A leak was reported July 22nd after on duty crew noted dripping from the ceiling outside the 1st floor Laundry Room. Source of the leak determined to be 2nd floor Men's Bathroom due to a toilet stuck on flush. Water from the toilet flooded the bathroom, leaked through the wall between bathrooms and Emergency Hallway (by door to the Admin Wing) and also leaked through the floor/ceiling to the Ready Room. I shut off the broken toilet to stop the leak and all pools of water were mopped up. A restoration company was brought in later that afternoon to inspect the walls and ceiling, dry affected spaces and spray to prevent growth of mold and bacteria. A few ceiling tiles will need to be replaced and some molding repaired in the Emergency Hallway upstairs. Dependable Plumbing came in during the week to replace broken flushometer.
- Upright Installations and Inspections
 - Inspection of the fire suppression system of the entire building is pending.

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- Suffolk Water Authority – Backflow Prevention
 - Annual inspection of backflow prevention devices was completed July 25th. I confirmed receipt of the inspection certificate by SCWA.
- Parking Lot
 - Need to contact blacktop vendor to replace parking bumper and discuss seal coating versus repaving of the entire parking lot. **Pending**
- Floors
 - Deep cleaning of floors and carpets have been completed throughout the building.
 - Have discussed increasing the frequency of carpet and floor cleaning throughout the building. Have received a revised contract for the 2013 calendar year and will be submitting to Board of Directors soon.
- Purchased additional lights for Truck Room and general areas of the building.

VEHICLES

- Weekly maintenance and inspections continue as scheduled for all vehicles.
- New York State Emissions and Safety Inspection has been completed for 19.
- Completed preventative maintenance on 18, 19, 20 and 88.
- Screeching noise on 17 and 20 – Details to follow but, long story short, the electrical systems on these vehicles are aging and need additional time to stabilize (up to 2 minutes!) before they are capable of handling the loads put upon them by the emergency lighting, sirens and all interior electronics. All crew members can help mitigate this problem by remembering to turn OFF all interior lights, air conditioning, etc when the ambulance is not running (especially in the rear). Drivers can help by waiting about 30 seconds from the time the ambulance is running to the time the battery and all emergency lighting are turned ON.
***UPDATE** – 17 will be placed on permanent 6th due status and will be responding from one of the South Bays going forward. Ambulance rotation will be updated and posted in the Dispatch Office shortly.*
- Unit 16
 - Air conditioning blowing “cool” but not “cold” up front. A/C blowing cold in patient module. A/C has been repaired by Proliner.
 - While driving vehicle back from Proliner, Bernard Poole (#872) noticed problem with steering. Ambulance went directly to Ace for steering problem. A worn drag link was replaced and another alignment performed.
 - Vacuum tubing for on board suction unit was contaminated with bodily fluids from a CPR call. The vacuum tubing is part of the ambulance and connects to the vacuum pump in the O2 cabinet to create suction inside the disposable suction canisters. The vacuum tubing is not designed for replacement. This vehicle is out to Proliner so they can dismantle the interior wall, replace the vacuum pump and run new vacuum tubing to the patient module. **UPDATE** - Proliner currently waiting on parts before work can be completed.
- Unit 17
 - Body work – Proliner has provided an estimate for realignment of front Driver door and paint and body work but estimate runs high. **UPDATE** – Given ongoing deficiencies due to degradation of the electrical system on this ambulance, paint and

body work is postponed and will likely not happen. This vehicle will likely be replaced with next new delivery from Proliner.

- Unit 18

- BLS key from Driver key ring. Made copy of 21s BLS key and replaced missing key.
- Hydraulic arm on top of side door to patient module has ripped free of the upper door frame.
- Interior doors for BLS cabinet (where portable O2, AED and BLS bag are located) close very loosely. Rivets to interior door catch appear to be loose.
- Rear step bumper has been forced out of alignment again.
- Door lock button on right door to patient module pops out of switch panel.
- Vehicle damage sustained to lower right side patient module over the weekend. When repairs on 16 are completed, this vehicle will be going out to Proliner for numerous repairs.

- Unit 19

- Damage has been admitted to right rear lower corner of ambulance while backing into hospital. Damage appears to be mostly superficial.
- Side door on patient module reportedly rattles due to broken Nader pin at the top of the door frame. Vittorio Auto Body has repaired the broken Nader pin and door is operational again.

- Unit 20

- Driver reportedly suffered tire damage while transporting to hospital on July 5th. Tire was in good enough condition for Driver to drive ambulance (very slowly) back to building. Verified damage to outer sidewall of left rear tire and brought it in to be replaced.
- An burning “electrical” smell was reported by Sunday Captain while transporting to Huntington Hospital with emergency lights on July 23rd but not when returning to base and normal driving conditions. Ran ambulance on ramp under full load and verified smell faint odor of burning plastic or wires. Ultimately traced problem to battery on/off switch beneath the Driver’s seat. Appears to be a new wire spliced into the battery switch causing the entire terminal to glow red hot and melt wiring connected to it. Vehicle was immediately taken offline and delivered to Ace Auto. They held the vehicle, replaced the battery on/off switch and rewired the connections for the new radio.

- Unit 21

- Right rear lower corner of the ambulance has taken some damage. This appears to be a cosmetic problem and repair will be ordered next time ambulance goes to Proliner for something electrical or mechanical. **Pending**

- Unit 80

- Tuesday Captain reports that headlights do not shut off. I disconnected both batteries over the weekend so the headlights didn’t continue burning. Ace Auto replaced broken fuse panel and wig wag flasher module under the hood.

- Unit 88

- Problem reported with radio and emergency lights cutting off. Ran vehicle under full load and most emergency lights appear to light up albeit very dimly. Turned vehicle off and back on and tried again, this time only the windshield lights flash and radio cuts out. Turned lights off and radio came back on. There appears to be a short of

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some sort or possibly insufficient power to the control heads in the center console.

UPDATE – Ace found melted fuse under the hood, shorting power to the center console. They installed a circuit breaker instead, recharged the batteries and lights, radio and power are all good again.

- Unit 89

- A chip has been reported in the front windshield. Windshield is worn and pitted and while filling the chip will temporarily repair the chip, the windshield is probably better off being replaced. An estimate will be coming soon. **Pending**
- All tires have decent tread depth but appear to have small and consistent cracking around entirety of all sidewalls and inside siping. Have replaced all four tires.

- **Thank you** to Sharon Cullen-Kutcher (#318), Paul Kelly (#634), Brian Canty (#757) and Paul Rittenhouse (#1146) for their help putting on, taking off and relocating ALS narcotics and equipment for various ambulances these last few months as ambulances have to go back and forth between mechanics on short notice. Thank you to any other ALS providers who have done the same and that I just don't know about. Even bigger thanks to Bernard Poole (#872) for ferrying ambulances back and forth to Proliner!

REMINDERS

- **Please remember to call me at 631-793-0702 (the “Third Deputy” cell phone) for all urgent problems in the building and at any time a vehicle is taken out of service.** If I am unable to answer, please leave a voicemail and I will follow up as soon as possible! For non-critical issues, please submit a maintenance form to the Third Deputy mailbox so that I may complete the repair and follow up if necessary.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

No report submitted.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein

No Report submitted.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

Thank you to everyone who has filled in on a shift and answered back up calls. Your help is always appreciated. We have really been hit hard on Mondays recently.

Mondays schedule is posted on web site, if you are looking for Co. 8 time please come on down. With vacations and LOA's I have many voids to fill

I am in need of a driver for the 0700 shift for the first due crew every other week due to members LOA

Overnight crew is in need of assistance due to change of work schedules

Congratulations to Nancy Courtemanche on your new job, you will be missed

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Any CL/DR available for the 1500 please let me know, we are allowing Jenna some time off for her wedding, Congratulations Jenna!!!

Monique Moreno is on an LOA till 10/22/2012

Reminder to crew members to check their expiration dates on their certification cards and make sure they are current. Please submit copies of certification cards upon receipt after completion of course.

Unfortunately we had to 24 two calls on the 2300 shift in July and also 8/6 on the 1100 shift while we had 2 other ambulances on calls

Please notify either myself or the dispatcher when you are unable to make it in for your shift so we can try and make arrangements for coverage

Good Luck to all that are returning to school for the fall.....you will all be missed.

Please continue to help each other out and keep up on the assigned duty chores for your shift. It helps us all out and makes for a much nicer environment if we all pitch in.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

Congratulations to:

Chris Vultaggio #1342 – off probation

Ann Schwartz #1313 – to Crewleader

Maxine Epstein #1346 – to Crewleader

Juan Flores #1293 – completed ALS class

Rafael Reyes #1350 – passed ambulance orientation and is now an observer.

Welcome new member Ralph Murphey #1372

Need Help on:

0700 shift – second crew

1100 shift – second due driver

1500 shift - dispatcher

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No report submitted.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan

No report submitted.

Friday Co. 5 – Kurt Vetter

As I have said in the past, I am very proud to be Co. 6 day Captain. We have a great bunch of people who are always cooperative and able to think things out and work together. I have emphasized since I took office that although there is a published roster. Crews should feel free to

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modify and adjust to see fit in order to maximize efficiency. This has proven to work out extremely well. Thus far, Co. 6 has had only 2 “24’s” for the entire year, even with Friday nights being very demanding at times. The following is an example as reported to me by Kyle Rudden who I might add stayed over to help on the Saturday 1100 shift.

There were nine calls on the overnight this past Friday with no 24s. Technically we only had one full crew plus ALS for the shift (Kyle Rudden, Kathy Castillo, and Chris Fischer). However, Phil Orlando, Israel Cortes, and Kelly Murphy stayed late and covered a call (Kelly helped with a few), Jeff O'Neill answered a Signal 3, and Melissa Anastos came in and stayed for a while. The real savior was Seth Fischer who came in to dispatch with and train Loreley so that we didn't have to tie up a CL or DR thus enabling us to handle some simultaneous calls and avoid a likely 24 or two. Loreley did a great job, comfortably and capably handling a busy night including a few atypical situations. Thanks also to Tyler Gibbs who stayed until 12:00 to lend a hand in dispatching.

Thanks again to all of Co. 6 for doing a great job. In essence CO.6 RULES!

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola (as posted)

My apology for not being at tonight's meeting.

In July we ran a total of 59 calls which is below average for Saturdays this year. Of those, there were two 24's. Not bad, but we can do better.

Thanks to everyone who has been faithfully coming in to do their shifts and especially Patti Salajka, Jim Lupo, Laura Truelich and Rich Gierbolini, Jeff O'Neill, and Tom O'Leary, Fernando Rivadeneira, Howard Loewenthal, Tim Quigley, etc, etc, etc. for coming in and doing extra shifts, as well as many Co. 8 members.

Members Making News:

CHRIS DADDURA - advanced to Aide.

KRISTIN vanBENSCHOTEN - advanced to Aide.

MIKE BARKER – has returned from MLOA (welcome back!)

JIM GANLEY - new member on the 1100 shift (Welcome Jim!)

August is the peak of vacations and weekend getaways so we can always use extra help on any and all shifts from any and all levels of providers. No one will be turned away.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) - Andrea Golinsky

At last report the bill concerning the change in procedure for Certificate of Need applications has not been signed by the Governor yet.

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At the last Executive Board Meeting of the New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association the slate was set for the upcoming election to be held at Pulse Check 2012 Oct. 11 – 14th in Suffern, NY

If anyone is interested in attending the educational conference see 2nd Deputy Tim Ebert for the requirements needed get permission to go.

As many of you know there is a quilt made with the patches of volunteer ambulance corps from around the state sewn onto it. I have tickets for the quilt raffle. Donations are @1.00 per ticket.

The next **District 7** meeting will take place next Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at S. Country Ambulance in Brookhaven. Election of the 2012-2013 District officers will take place at the time.

Class A Uniforms – Andrea Golinsky

Anyone interested in getting a Class A uniform fill out a Class A Uniform form which can be found in the rack outside the dispatch office.

Please make sure the form is filled out correctly and place it in my director's box. Every effort will be made to fill your order from the items that we have in stock. If that can't be done, you will be given a Purchase Order to take to All American Awards and Uniforms in Bohemia to be fitted.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 25th – 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 25, 2012. 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.

LOSAP 2011 Benefit Statements - Bob Franz

The December 31, 2011 LOSAP benefit statements will be distributed to all participants in your member mail folder. Upon receipt, 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.

Post 215- Sheryl Roach

We will be participating in the Greenlawn Fire Department parade.

We will be restructuring our meeting times to help improve attendance at Hands on Trainings

We will be having a Recruitment/Informational meeting for new members for the 2012-2013 school year on September 15th, promptly at 4pm - let me know if you have a child that is interested and I can forward you the details.

We are planning for our Pasta Dinner Fundraiser which will be held November 10th, 2012

The Post has a new email address: hcfaspost215@optonline.net

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Please give out the email address to any interested people that call or inquire about the Post.

Duty Uniforms – Jerry Giacomini

Uniforms packages left in the bunk room for various members have been torn open and the contents left on the floor. Effective immediately, if a member requires a uniform, he will have to make an appointment with me to have a uniform committee member meet with them.

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

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

Fund Drive – Pete Nakelski & Mary Brenner

\$60,000 has been received so far.

Old business:

None

New business:

None

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committees; Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Dale Bartolomeo, Christy Stiles, Israel Cortez, Tom O’Leary, Carol Nucci, Claire Tesoriero.

Setup Committee; Roger Winter, Mary Winter, Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Pindar Autumn Gold Wine (VSS) – Tyler Gibbs
2. Subway Gift Card \$15 – Christy Stiles
3. Subway Gift Card \$15 – Lori Stone
4. Travel Cooler Bag with Wine (Karen Martin) – Jim Ingwersen
5. AMC Entertainment Gift Card \$25 – Jeff O’Neal
6. AMC Entertainment Gift Card \$25 – Mark Brenner

The information only meeting was adjourned by President Winter at 2015 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: September 5, 2012

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

By-Laws Amendment 03-2012

Since there was no quorum at the August general membership meeting, at the September 10th meeting, the proposed By-Laws amendment 03-2012 will be read for the 2nd time, discussed and voted upon.

**Proposed By-Law Change
03-2012**

Proposal:

To require a consensus vote on proposed changes to the SOP, requiring the Board of Directors to take up the issue within 30 days and requiring the Secretary to publish the results within 10 days.

Background/Justification:

The current SOP change rules require an SOP be brought to the membership for comment but not for a membership vote. Some people are uncomfortable speaking at the meetings, and many feel there is no reason to speak if their point of view has already been verbalized. The actual majority opinion of the membership is left up to interpretation as to how many members are in favor of or against a specific SOP proposal. This change leaves the authority to pass an SOP change with the Board of Directors; however, this will allow the Board members to be clear on how the members feel about the issue.

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

Article XI, SECTION 2 - STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

This Article establishes the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) as an operational document of the Corporation. The operational aspects of the functions of the Corporation shall be the body of Standard Operating Procedures. These rules and regulations shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors. The Uniform Code shall be considered a part of the Standard Operating Procedure. Any changes to the Standard Operating Procedures will be submitted to the By-Law Committee Chair person for review. The By-Law Committee Chair will provide a copy to the PULSE editor for publication in the next issue and they will be read ~~(for comment)~~ and voted on for a consensus of membership opinion only at a the General Membership Meeting following the PULSE publication prior to being approved by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall take up the matter no later than 30 days following the General Membership Meeting, and, the Secretary shall see that the results of the vote and if applicable the new/changed SOP is distributed to the membership by email and updated on the website within 10 days of the Board's vote. The Standard Operating Procedures shall govern all aspect of the operations, except when superseded by the By-Laws of the Corporation.

Proposers

Martha Brenner #236 /s/ _____

Tom O’Leary #1187 /s/ _____

Kurt Vetter #1161 /s/ _____

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630 First Reading: July 9, 2012

631 Second Reading: _____

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad
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Date: September 10, 2012

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	ABSENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Paul Biersack	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	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 Kurt Vetter	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Pre Meeting Class / Demonstration

Dinner presentation 6:30

Dr. David Weissberg, Dr. Max Rudansky & Dr. Joel Becker
Concussion Seminar

Meeting called to order at 2030 hrs (Late start due to Concussion Seminar running over)

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is not present per the count of eligible members in the room (44 eligible members).

President Roger Winter 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, and all those who perished and injured in the 9/11 attacks.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Paul Mori #934 had surgery this past summer and is being treated for an eye issue prayers and get well wishes are welcomed.
- Prayers and get well wishes are needed and welcomed for Chris Mallilo #1234, had surgery recently and is home recovering.
- Patricia “Trish” Reciniello # 659 has been hospitalized recently and is home. Prayers, calls and get well wishes are needed and welcomed.
- Margaret “Maggie” “Peggy” Cornelius has been hospitalized. Prayers and get well wishes are welcome.

Congratulations “Buns in the oven” - Sarah Manning #1345 & Meaghan Meyer #1244.

We Mourn the Loss of: It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of the following:

- Odveig Viette, grandmother of Gina Angevine #1073.

Secretary’s Report Robert Franz

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: Ron Schnurr and Bud Quast. Remembrance memorial letter from Rev. Cheryl Taylor Jensen (daughter of deceased life member Corrine “Corey” Taylor).

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.

Longevity Awards – President Winter

Thomas Hogan #879 – 20 years

Life Member

Crew Leader

Driver

ALS Provider

Saturday 1500- and overnight back up

Director 1995-96

Medical Committee chairman

Member of Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department and other Departments

Thank you for your 20 years of dedicated service

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Brian Canty #757 – 25 years

Driver

Crew Leader

ALS provider

Life Member

Captain, Chief Dispatcher, 1st Deputy Chief, (1992-93)

Chief 1995,1996,2003,2004

Director, Vice president, Treasurer Board of Directors

Committees: Fund Drive, Communications, Gas, LOSAP, Explorer Post 215 Chief Advisor, Exposure Control Officer, Benevolent, Record Management, Uniform supply, Vending & Coffee, New Building and Relocation, Social 25th & 30th Anniversary Committees, PULSE Editor 1998-199, Website, Technology, Building Improvement, Medical committee, Social Committee Special Events: Installation Dinner American Red Cross RTE Instructor AHA BLS instructor Suffolk County Certified Lab Instructor CPR Instructor
Thank you for your 25 years of outstanding dedicated service

1. Manor Fuel Co., Inc. fuel purchase program. Please take a brochure if you would like to participate.
2. Carol Rocco has asked the following: The 911 commemorative service to honor the lives of Huntington residents who were lost on Sept 11, 2001 will take place on September 11 at noon in Heckscher Park at the 911 memorial. It would be an honor to have a color guard from your organization present at this brief ceremony. Please ask your members to attend as well. We will all remember those who died from Huntington and the brave responders who are heroes for their efforts to save lives. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Board Actions as of July 19 –August 23, 2012

- Repair of Basement from Soda dispenser incident.
- Install Water Sensors with Relays in the Vending Room, Bike Room.
- HCAD Budget proposal for 2013
- Repurchase Portable Radio, Insurance Settlement.
- Hire M.C. Alliance Energy Group, Inc., as energy consultants.
- Fall Festival 2012 participation, food expenditure, shirt purchase.
- Voting Machine rental and services with County of Suffolk Board of Elections.
- Advance for meals on Election Day for staff working the election.
- Maier's Attendance at the New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association Pulse Check 2012 Memorial Service/Banquet.
- 2012 Election Day Hours. Change the hours of the Election 0700-2000 hours.
- Greenlawn Parade lineup Refreshments.

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- Renew Adept Technology Contract
- Adjusted the NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 2012 & EMS World Expo 2012 motions to accommodate different attendance levels.
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Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

No report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

Chief Palmieri mentioned some upcoming events & other items:

The Verizon phone problem at Squad was explained. Thanks to Sam Mohr, Jerry Giacomini and Ferd Neumann who helped to solve the problem.

Uniforms – all members must be in proper duty uniform.

Greenlawn FD Parade - August 30th – be at Squad by 6PM. Chief Palmieri thanked First Deputy Chief Mohr & Ex chief Dominic Heavey for their work in providing the refreshments at the parade lineup – sandwiches, soda, beer, water etc. and Tony Cruz for providing the Reinwald donuts, muffins and other danishes. Chief also thanked Tom O'Leary for responding back to our district with an ambulance to answer another call.

911 Commemorative service Hecksher Park on 9/11 at noon – class A uniform. An honor guard is needed.

Cow Harbor Run Saturday September 15th

Huntington Community Partnership Unity in the Community Parade – September 22nd

American Cancer Walk

Columbus Day Parade on October 7th

Kiwanis 10K run on October 22nd

Chief Palmieri reminded everyone that the on duty ambulance must be used. Each does not have the right to designate which ambulance they will use.

Longevity Awards: I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

- Arlene Lindsay - 10 years
- Brian Canty – 25 years
- Tom Hogan – 20 years
- Joel Paul – 10 years
- Taha Aiman – 5 years
- Janet Zapata – 5 years

“Outback EMS Provider” for the month – Tom O'Leary

First Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr (as posted)

~ There continues to be a number of members for whom we do not have copies of the certification cards. Please put a copy of your cards in my mailbox if your name is on the list by the roster area.

~ On August 30th we participated in the Greenlawn Fireman's Night Parade. The night was a huge success with twenty-eight (28) members and ten (10) Post members attending, all had a good time. Refreshments were served before the parade and thanks goes out to Dominic Heavey, Andrew Taylor and Liz Mohr for coordinating and helping get the refreshments out and cleaned up. Also, a big thanks to Tony Cruz who brought pastries for dessert. We also won first place for Most Men in Line under 30 and third place for Best Appearing Department. If anyone has any suggestions for what would make the pre-parade refreshments better, please put a note in my mailbox, so we can make next year's parades even better.

~ The Annual Fall Festival is just around the corner, October 6th & 7th. The sign up list is in the ready room and thank you to the members who have already signed up. We still have many more spots to fill. All are welcome, as always there are two shifts per day, 1100 to 1500 and 1500 to 1900. We especially need help on Sunday afternoon. All members attending for a full four-hour shift will get a meal voucher or \$10, a LOSAP point and a thank you. Additionally, all members participating will receive a commemorative duty t-shirt for the day.

~ Lately, I have received several "complaints" and I have seen it myself, that being used gloves being left in the vehicles, especially in the drivers compartment. No one wants to clean up other people's trash, especially used gloves. Please take a look around at the end of a call and make sure that any trash is cleaned up. This also goes for the First Responder Vehicles.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

Please read the September Pulse for an update on the progress of the BLS Pilot Demonstration project on INH Narcan.

Electronic PCR – we are looking at the ePCR and are planning a trip to the North Amityville Fire Dept. which is one agency that is using this system in order to learn more about its use.

Check outs – Please do your checkouts. Checkouts are all of our responsibility. Sometimes mistakes are made and sometimes checkouts are just not done. I recommend that everyone start their shifts with this in mind. The officers are committed to making sure that our ambulances are ready for anything but we need your help. We will be looking very closely at checkouts. We are looking at who is doing them, who is not doing them, who is doing them correctly and who is not doing them correctly.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Paul Biersack (as posted)

BUILDING

- **Basement**

- Wainscoting has been installed on lower half of walls in basement hallway, Vending and Exercise Rooms have been patched and painted, cedar planking in Uniform Closet has been replaced and base molding has been replaced in all damaged rooms. Restoration work appears completed.

- Annual cleaning of water/oil separator. *Pending*

- **Truck Room**

- Floor cleaning machine reportedly not holding a charge. Batteries are relatively new but did find a broken pin in the quick disconnect for the battery charger.

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- 226 UPDATE – Had difficulty finding replacement parts but new connectors have
227 been ordered, awaiting delivery. *Work in progress*
- 228 ○ Broken door handle between the Truck Room and the Dispatch Lobby has been
229 replaced.
- 230 ○ North Bay 3 reportedly went up but not down. TM Kenney found jumped cable,
231 restored cable, oiled and adjusted track.
- 232 ○ Shoreline connector for South Bay 3 appears to have been cut and removed and I
233 do not know why. If anyone has any information about this, please contact me?!
- 234 ● Alarm System
- 235 ○ Fire alarm system reportedly tripped August 11th. An alarm head was replaced in
236 the upstairs hallway just outside the 2nd floor Vending and Meeting Rooms.
- 237 ○ SimplexGrinnell is scheduled to come to HQ on Friday, September 14th to
238 perform alarm inspections throughout the building. The alarm inspection process
239 is expected to take approximately 4-8hrs to complete. *Pending*
- 240 ● Ready Room
- 241 ○ Estimates are being gathered to replace the aging recliners and possibly the
242 entertainment system. UPDATE – Seems the recliners in the Ready Room were
243 purchased with extended warranties. I have followed up with La-Z-Boy and a
244 repairman has already stopped by HQ to assess damage and order replacement
245 parts. When parts arrive, repairs will be scheduled. *Work in progress*
- 246 ● Parking Lot
- 247 ○ Need to contact blacktop vendor to replace parking bumper and discuss seal
248 coating versus repaving of the entire parking lot. *Pending*
- 249 ○ Lights in parking lot reportedly not lit during drive by at 0445hrs. Automatic
250 timer for lights in have been adjusted (later) by 2hrs.
- 251 ● Chiefs Office
- 252 ○ Balast reported broken over 2nd Deputy Chief's desk. Need to investigate.
253 *Pending*
- 254 ● Landscaping
- 255 ○ At request of our Bookkeeper, I have contacted Travis Smith about trimming back
256 a pair of shrubs around the gas and electrical meters ahead of normal Fall
257 Cleanup. This is due to an ongoing energy audit and the need to easily access both
258 meters each week. Landscaper will take care of pruning request during next visit.
259 *Pending*

VEHICLES

- 261 ● Weekly maintenance and inspections continue as scheduled for all vehicles.
- 262 ● Preventative maintenance completed on 88 and 89.
- 263 ● New York State Safety Inspection completed on 19 and the trailer.
- 264 ● Unit 16
- 265 ○ Vacuum tubing for on board suction unit was contaminated with bodily fluids from a
266 CPR call.
- 267 UPDATE – Proliner has completed repair of on board suction unit and vehicle is back
268 in service.
- 269 ○ Leak found under ambulance, determined to be a fuel leak. Ace Auto replaced upper
270 and lower fuel filters and housing cap to stop the leak.

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- Steering reportedly still a bit loose. Steering box found to contain worn parts, which have been replaced. Steering now much improved.
- Rechargeable flashlight doesn't work. *Pending*
- Unit 17
 - Has been placed in rotation as permanent last due.
 - Power problems reported with volt meter bouncing between 10V and 14V and ambulance unable to maintain high idle for at least 4 minutes. Was personally unable to duplicate issue. After starting vehicle, electrical load stabilizes after nearly a minute and running with full load causes PMM to rev higher to compensate. Mechanic inspected vehicle and was unable to replicate issue as well, likely due to existing problems with age of vehicle, deterioration of the electrical components, etc. Vehicle is functional but not at peak performance. Will be responding as permanent last due.
 - Noise reported at rear of ambulance by rear lightbar. Noise determined to be broken exhaust fan, the smaller of two inside the ambulance. New rear exhaust fan has been installed.
- Unit 18
 - Vehicle has been out to Pro-liner for the following repair work and is reportedly complete. Need to coordinate retrieval of ambulance from Medford. *Pending*
 - Damage sustained to lower right side patient module during accident at Huntington Hospital.
 - Hydraulic arm on top of side door to patient module has ripped free of the upper door frame.
 - Interior doors for BLS cabinet (where portable O₂, AED and BLS bag are located) close very loosely. Rivets to interior door catch appear to be loose.
 - Rear step bumper has been forced out of alignment again.
 - Door lock button on right door to patient module pops out of switch panel.
- Unit 19
 - New York State Safety Inspection was overdue and taken out of service August 11th. Follow up with Ace Auto confirmed that ambulance was unavailable during weekly checkouts because other ambulances were in various stages of maintenance. Vehicle has since been inspected and put back in service as 1st due.
 - Drag link is starting to wear. Replacement part has been installed and alignment performed.
 - Repaired broken pneumatic arm in Driver's side compartment where immobilization devices (KED, frac packs, traction splints) are kept.
- Unit 20
 - Ambulance would not take a charge and reported dead. Attempted to jump start ambulance multiple times but could not get it running successfully. Ace Auto later diagnosed a problem with the on board charging unit and after some tweaking, were able to rewire spare charger (for 19) to work.
 - Reported that the engine was leaking coolant. Ace Auto replaced water pump, thermostat and serpentine belt and filled system with new coolant.
 - Reported that right turn signal would not turn off. Ace Auto replaced turn signal light switch.
- Unit 21

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- Right rear lower corner of the ambulance has taken some damage. This appears to be a cosmetic problem and repair will be ordered next time ambulance goes to Pro-liner for something electrical or mechanical. *Pending*
- Replaced door pin above right rear door of patient module.

- Unit 89

- A chip has been reported in the front windshield. *Pending*

REMINDERS

- **Please remember to call me at 631-793-0702 (the “Third Deputy” cell phone) for all urgent problems in the building and at any time a vehicle is taken out of service!** If I am unable to answer, please leave a voicemail and I will follow up as soon as possible. For non-critical issues, please submit a maintenance form to the Third Deputy mailbox so that I may complete the repair and follow up if necessary.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

No report submitted.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain’s Report – Keith Rubenstein

No Report submitted.

Monday Co. 2 Captain’s Report – Karen Martin

A big thank you to all of the dispatchers today for managing to still get all the calls covered today despite the phone system being down since Sunday afternoon

We have had some very busy Mondays in August but thanks to so many people helping out we managed to get through fairly unscathed. Unfortunately we did have to 24 one call on August 8 during the 1100 shift while we already had 2 rigs on the road.

I also need to thank all the little elves on Mondays that go the extra mile to make sure our rigs are kept clean. These things do not go unnoticed.

I want to welcome Charles Beach #1378 to the 0700 shift.

Many congratulations this month.....first to Andrew Taylor #1338 for his receipt of the Outback Award in August. Well deserved Andrew!!!

Congratulations to Sara Manning #1335 on the beginnings of her family.

Congratulations to Joel Paul #1068 for 10 years of service and to Janet Zapata #1203 for her 5 years of service

Mondays schedule is posted on web site, if you are looking for Co. 8 time please come on down.

With vacations and LOA’s I have many voids to fill

I am in need of a driver for the 0700 shift for the first due crew every other week due to members LOA

My overnight crew is in need of assistance due to change of work schedules and would welcome anyone looking to keep them company

Reminder to crew members to check their expiration dates on their certification cards and make sure they are current. Please submit copies of certification cards upon receipt after completion of course

Please notify either myself or the dispatcher when you are unable to make it in for your shift so we can try and make arrangements for coverage

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Please continue to help each other out and keep up on the assigned duty chores for your shift. It helps us all out and makes for a much nicer environment if we all pitch in.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr (Report given by Casey Orr)

Welcome new Member: Christopher Amaya #1375 (brother of Vanessa).

We had three 24s last week after zero 24s for four months:

2 on 0700-1100 with 1 ambulance out and

1 on 1500-1900 with 3 ambulances out.

We need a dispatcher for the 1500.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No report submitted.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan

No report submitted.

Friday Co. 5 – Kurt Vetter (as posted)

We welcome Nathan Bruskin to the 11:00 shift and look forward to helping him progress up the ladder.

We are in need of a dispatcher on the 2300 shift. Please contact me if you can cover, even only for a partial shift. It will be much appreciated.

I am happy to say that our two dispatch trainees, Kristen on the 1100, and Loreley on the 2300 shifts are doing very well and I am confident that they will be qualified to be taking and passing their dispatching test in the very near future.

Things in general are going very well with no 24s once again for the month. I am never tired of expressing my thanks and gratitude to all of my personnel for doing such a great job.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola (as posted)

I always find August to be bitter-sweet. Enough of the heat and humidity already!!! Still, there's a sense that Fall, and therefore winter, isn't far away. I remember as a kid hating the thought of going back to school. It's also the time when many people either try to squeeze in their last vacation days or are taking their vacation just before school starts. Either way, many of us find ourselves unavailable for our shifts.

So...I want to say thanks to everyone who came out during August to cover for those who were away on vacation. I especially want to thank Monday Capt. Karen Martin for covering not one, but two, Saturdays for me. I also want to thank Kyle Rudden for driving for me on my shift both weekends. Likewise, thanks to the many, many people who did backup calls during the month. For the most part, call volume in July was not overwhelming, but as usual, the calls came in waves. It's good to know that people are listening and making the effort to help out.

A couple of personnel notes:

Welcome back from LOA's **Mike Barker** (0700), **Pam Brenner** and **Anne Gabriel** to the 1100 shift;

Congratulations to **Claudia Femminella** (Sat.1500) on passing her dispatch test!

August birthday wishes to **Harvey Lapidus**, **Howard Loewenthal**, and **Suzie Biagi** (all on the 0700 shift).

And, on a very good note, I'm thankful to report that former member Nick Barker is doing well and recovering from his injuries. Thank you to **Martha Brenner** and **Claudia Femminella** for covering for Mike on Saturday. You guys are great!
We're always looking for help and welcome all who need to make up hours or just want to help out.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) – Bob Franz

If anyone is interested in attending the Pulse Check educational conference, please see 2nd Deputy Tim Ebert for the requirements needed get permission to go.
NYSVA&RA Individual Proxy forms have been put into your mail folders. Please sign and date the Proxy and return it to the mail box marked Proxy.
The next District 7 meeting will take place next Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at Middle Island Fire Dept.

LOSAP 2011 Benefit Statements - Bob Franz

The December 31, 2011 LOSAP benefit statements will be distributed to all participants in your member mail folder. Upon receipt, 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 Jim Mallilo for entering all the data during the year. If you have any other questions, please contact Bob Franz (robo4200@hotmail.com).

Voting Times for Squad Annual Election December 10, 2012 – Secretary Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved the following voting times for the Annual Squad Election on Monday December 10, 2012 as follows: **0700 hours to 2000 hours.**

Post 215- Sheryl Roach

We participated in the Greenlawn Fire Department parade.
We will be restructuring our meeting times to help improve attendance at Hands on Trainings
P215 attended dinner meeting to learn more about the squad.
We will be having a Recruitment/Informational meeting for new members for the 2012-2013 school year on September 15th, promptly at 4pm - let me know if you have a child that is interested and I can forward you the details.
We are planning for our Pasta Dinner Fundraiser which will be held November 10th, 2012
We are planning a spring trip to the 911 memorial.
The Post has a new email address: hcfaspost215@optonline.net
Please give out the email address to any interested people that call or inquire about the Post.

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

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

Fund Drive – Pete Nakelski & Mary Brenner

As of 8/31/2012 we have received in donations \$61,946.44.

CME – Pam Brenner

Update for EMT CME recertification – an additional 13 hours will be required.

LOSAP / CME credit will be available for the pre meeting presentation this evening.

Old business:

None

New business:

None

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Dale Bartolomeo, Christy Stiles, Israel Cortez, Tom O’Leary, Carol Nucci, Claire Tesoriero.

Setup Committee; Roger Winter, Mary Winter, Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Pindar Autumn Gold Wine (VSS) – Richard Stone
2. Giant Mum Planter – Alyssa Axelrod
3. Giant Mum Planter – Pam Brenner
4. Coors Lite Cooler Bag & Hats – Andrew Taylor
5. \$25 McDonald’s Gift Card – Heidi Magerle
6. \$25 Dunkin Donuts Gift Card – Sheryl Roach

The information only meeting was adjourned by President Winter at 2115 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: September 28, 2012

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

By-Laws Proposed Amendment 03-2012 and 04-2012

Since there was no quorum at the September general membership meeting, at the October 8th meeting, the proposed By-Laws amendment 03-2012 will be read for the 2nd time, discussed and voted upon and proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2012 will be read for the first time.

**Proposed By-Law Change
03-2012**

Proposal:

To require a consensus vote on proposed changes to the SOP, requiring the Board of Directors to take up the issue within 30 days and requiring the Secretary to publish the results within 10 days.

Background/Justification:

The current SOP change rules require an SOP be brought to the membership for comment but not for a membership vote. Some people are uncomfortable speaking at the meetings, and many feel there is no reason to speak if their point of view has already been verbalized. The actual majority opinion of the membership is left up to interpretation as to how many members are in favor of or against a specific SOP proposal. This change leaves the authority to pass an SOP change with the Board of Directors; however, this will allow the Board members to be clear on how the members feel about the issue.

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

Article XI, SECTION 2 - STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

This Article establishes the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) as an operational document of the Corporation. The operational aspects of the functions of the Corporation shall be the body of Standard Operating Procedures. These rules and regulations shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors. The Uniform Code shall be considered a part of the Standard Operating Procedure. Any changes to the Standard Operating Procedures will be submitted to the By-Law Committee Chair person for review. The By-Law Committee Chair will provide a copy to the PULSE editor for publication in the next issue and they will be read ~~(for comment)~~ and voted on for a consensus of membership opinion only at a the General Membership Meeting following the PULSE publication prior to being approved by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall take up the matter no later than 30 days following the General Membership Meeting, and, the Secretary shall see that the results of the vote and if applicable the new/changed SOP is distributed to the membership by email and updated on the website within 10 days of the Board's vote. The Standard Operating Procedures shall govern all aspect of the operations, except when superseded by the By-Laws of the Corporation.

Proposers

Martha Brenner #236 /s/

Tom O'Leary #1187 /s/

Kurt Vetter #1161 /s/

First Reading: July 9, 2012

Second Reading: _____

**Proposed By-Law Change
04-2012**

Proposal:

To remove the American Red Cross Advanced First Aid Card and the American Red Cross Emergency Response Card as they no longer exist.

Background/Justification:

To remove certifications that no longer exist.

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

Article I, Section 3 - Definitions

b) "Properly certified per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws" means: possessing a valid ~~American Red Cross Advanced First Aid Card and an American Red Cross or American Heart Association BLS CPR Card, or an~~ American Red Cross Responding to Emergencies Card and a BLS CPR Card, or a New York State Certified First Responder Card and BLS CPR Card, ~~or an American Red Cross Emergency Response Card and BLS CPR Card,~~ or a New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) or higher certification.

Proposers

Brian Canty #757 /s/

John Palmieri #499 /s/

Tim Ebert #1184 /s/

Readings

First Reading Date: _____

Second Reading Date: _____

Vote

Yes: _____

No: _____

Secretary Signature: _____

Date: _____

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2012 General Membership Meeting
Date: October 8, 2012

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Paul Biersack	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	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 Kurt Vetter	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is not present per the sign in sheet & eligible members in the room. (48 eligible members).

President Roger Winter 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

- Robin O'Leary, the wife of Tom O'Leary #1187, was hospitalized recently. She is home recovering. Calls are welcome.
- Mike and Nancy Barkers' son, former member Nick Barker was in a motor vehicle accident. He is recovering, calls are welcome.

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- Al Szigethy #724 was injured on a call recently, he was seen at Huntington Hospital and is now home recovering. Calls and get well wishes are welcome.
- Bernie Hershkowitz #374 was hospital recently. He is home recovering. Calls and get well wishes are welcome.
- Millie Gabriel #1028 has a lower leg injury and was recently hospitalized. She is on duty and recovering. Calls and get well wishes are welcome.
- Honorary Member, Assemblyman Jim Conte is very ill, Prayers are needed and welcome.
- Karen Sprague Wong # 945, is ill. Prayers and get well wishes are welcome.

Congratulations “Bun in the oven” - Beatris Maldonado

Congratulation on the Weddings:

- Congratulations to Jenna Arcati on her marriage to Jason Allsopp. Let us be the first to say congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allsopp.
- Congratulations to Brian Milliken #1085 and Jessica Nolan on their marriage, Friday 9/21/12. We welcome the new Mr. & Mrs. Milliken.
- Congratulations to Meaghan Meyer #1244 on her marriage to Louis Salzone. We welcome the new Mr. & Mrs. Salzone 10/6/12.

Secretary’s Report Robert Franz

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: Trish Reciniello; Richard Fernandez & family and Robin O’Leary.

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.

Longevity Awards – President Winter

30 Years of Service

Bernard “Bernie” Hershkowitz #374

Administrative member now but

EMT – earned a 100% on the test

Dispatcher

Dispatcher Trainer

Life member

Social Committee

Oxygen

Honor Guard

When not busy he is like an elephant, peanuts beware

Congratulations Bernie on your 30 years of service.

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1. M.C Alliance Energy Management Group will be assisting us in our energy management. You might see some new thermostats around. They will be under the control of several people in the squad. They are a web based reviewable system, and can be controlled from outside of the building.

Board Actions as of September 13, 2012- September 27, 2012

- Motion to prohibit any HCFAS Member holding office or running for office to be in the HCFAS headquarters building at any time, except to vote or be on duty.
- Powerheart AED Cardiac Science purchase – Henry Schein – Tabled
- Renew Adept Technology Contract
- Purchase Field of Honor Flag
- Explorer Post 215 SOP Change Article III, Section 8, Paragraph C
- Purchase Air Vac 911® Engine Exhaust Removal System – Tabled
- Powerheart AED Cardiac Science purchase – Henry Schein – Tabled
- Holiday Cards 2nd Division FD & VAS
- Holiday Cards for Inactive Life Members
- Holiday Gift Card confirmation.
- FASNY Legislative Conference Attendance
- Renewal and continuation with VESO Trust (Voluntary Emergency Service Organization)

Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

HCAD – Town Tax Money

Income - \$ 1,786,342

Expenses - \$745,440

Major Expenses

EMS Supplies	\$	63,217.48
Vehicles		52,127.66
Building		70,707.00
Utilities		65,158.97
Communications		51,521.23
Professional Fee's		56,233.08
Insurance		154,281.78
Office		14,546.99
Member Inspection		42,906.04
Public Relations/Website		1,990.30
Training		15,176.31
Bond Interest		140,398.14
Other Expenditures		17,174.58
Totals-Expenses	\$	745,439.56

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HCFAS – Squad Money

Income – Fund Drive/Memorials \$71,410 & Misc Don/Interest \$55,688 = \$127,344

Expenses \$51,670.83

Expenses-

Insurance - Life	\$ 6,351.00
Fund Drive	12,950.00
Events	18,916.26
Goods & Welfare	1,550.76
Donations/Dues/Subscriptions	100.00
Member Services	7,637.81
Scholarship	3,500.00

Totals-Expenses \$ 51,670.83

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

Chief Palmieri thanked everyone who participated at the Huntington Fall Festival & other September & October events.

Longevity Awards: I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

- Bernie Hershkowitz – 30 years
- Karen Sprague-Wong – 15 years

“Outback EMS Provider” for the month – Kristin VanBenschoten

First Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

Once again the Columbus Day weekend provide the Squad with its largest stand-by challenge of the year and once again you, the membership, stepped up and answered the challenge. A total of eight hundred (800) volunteer hours of services was provided to the Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Huntington. Thanks to the 64 Squad members, 21 Post members and 8 surrounding departments for your assistance. We treated 19 patients, with two having to be transported to the hospital. I would like to thank Dix Hills, Halesite, Cold Spring Harbor, Northport, East Northport and Greenlawn fire departments, along with Commack VAC and Shirley Community Ambulance for their assistance. Thanks also to the following Squad and Post members:

Operational Personnel

Todd	Atkins	Juan-Pablo	Garcia	Meagan	Pereira
Alyssa	Axelrod	Tyler	Gibbs	Bernard	Poole
Nancy	Barker	Dominic	Heavey	Tim	Quigley
Dale	Bartolomeo	Alex	Klotsche	Sheryl	Roach
Martha	Brenner	Paul	Kelly	Tommy	Romano
Pam	Brenner	Tom	Lemp	Keith	Rubenstein

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Cindy	Cairl	Heidie	Magerle	Kyle	Rudden
Andrew	Campagnola	Ann	Maloney	Jeannette	Russell
Brian	Canty	Donna	Maltese	Allison	Russo
Stephanie	Caracciolo	Kenny	Manning	Bedel	Saget
Kathy	Castillo	Karen	Martin	Carmen	Schlieben
John	Connors	Michelle	Miller	Ann	Schwartz
Nancy	Courtemanche	David	Mohr	Matt	Sisinni
Tony	Cruz	Elizabeth	Mohr	Sally	Staszak
Joanne	Cunningham	Carol	Nucci	Carlos	Suarez
Keith	Davis	Hugh	O'Brien	Diane	Tanko
Tim	Ebert	Tom	O'Leary	Andrew	Taylor
Claudia	Femminella	Jeff	O'Neill	Kristin	Van Benschoten
Juan	Flores	Greg	Orr	Kurt	Vetter
Melissa	Flores	Sue	Otto	Joanne	Vogel

Explorer Post Members

Vinny	Castillo	Riki	Ishikawa	Jessica	Martorell
Nathan	Dentry	Katherine	Jenkins	William	Mejia
Chris	Forno	Sean	Karrot	Cynthia	Pacas
Matthew	Goodman	Annie	Lites	Julio	Pacas
Andrew	Hovestadt	Chad	Maier	Sean	Quinn
John	Hovestadt	Joseph	Marrone	Dana	Roach
Aleia	Isoldi	Monicas	Marrone	Trinity	Russell

Public Relations

Mary	Brenner	Andrea	Golinsky	Kathy	Leonard
Clara	Elliot				

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151 David discussed & answered questions regarding the posting of the Important Notice Regarding
 152 the Holiday Party and the SOP – Social Committee Protocols - Eligibility for the Holiday Party.
 153 Discussion also included various SCM flaws which will be looked into with regard to getting
 154 credit for a duty tour etc.

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Important Notice Regarding the Holiday Party

158 Below is the final version of the [SOP](#) change that was passed regarding social event eligibility
 159 criteria. The first event that this will affect is the Holiday Party scheduled for Dec 15th. In
 160 accordance with the SOP, we will go back one month to Nov 15th and we will run a report for
 161 the six-month period prior to that for duty tours, administrative hours, review trainings and
 162 certifications. In an effort to let you know where you stand a report has been run for the period
 163 May 15th to Oct 1st for Duty Tours and Review Trainings. The list of expired certifications has
 164 been posted for a while. From May 15th to Oct 1st members should have between 18 and 19
 165 shifts completed, with 6 to 7 more available shifts before the Nov 15th cutoff date. It should be
 166 noted that a four-hour stand by counts as a shift. Further, members will have to have at least
 167 nine review trainings completed by Nov 15th to be in compliance with the SOP's.

Should you feel that you have been on duty and have not received credit you must contact your Day Captain to resolve the issue, a listing of their email addresses is below. Please also copy the Chief Dispatcher and the First Deputy Chief on all emails so that we can all be looking to assist you. Please make sure you resolve any outstanding issues and get confirmation that it has been resolved by Nov 15th when the list will be finalized and forwarded to the Board of Directors.

Sunday, Keith Rubenstein – sundaycaptain.hcfas@gmail.com
Monday, Karen Martin – mondaycaptain.hcfas@gmail.com
Tuesday, Greg Orr – tuesdaycaptain.hcfas@gmail.com
Wednesday, Alison Russo - wednesdaycaptain.hcfas@gmail.com
Thursday, Sam Ryan - thursdaycaptain.hcfas@gmail.com
Friday, Kurt Vetter - fridaycaptain.hcfas@gmail.com
Saturday, Mark Cappola - saturdaycaptain.hcfas@gmail.com

1. Eligibility Criteria - For a member to attend any social event, excluding parades, as described below they must meet the following eligibility criteria:
 - A. One (1) month prior to each event, the member must be a member in good standing, as defined in Article II, Section 1 of the SOP's, with the following exceptions: a) member does not have to be off probation and b) the required duty tours or hourly commitment is defined in paragraph (C) and (D) below.
 - B. The member may not have been suspended, or received a temporary suspension, during the six (6) month period preceding the event.
 - C. One (1) month prior to each event, Operational members must have completed eighteen (18) four (4) hour duty tours or eighteen (18) eight (8) hour overnight duty tours or nine (9) eight (8) hour duty tours if on Alternating Overnight Status during the prior six months. Duty tours include both weekly shifts and each four (4) hour standby. Probationary members will be prorated based on their acceptance date.
 - D. One (1) month prior to each event, Administrative members must have completed and submitted to the Chief Dispatcher a total of forty-one (41) hours of duty time during the prior six months. Probationary members will be prorated based on their acceptance date.
 - E. The Chief will provide the Board of Directors and the Event Committee Chairperson a listing of members not eligible to attend one month prior to the event. Members not eligible to attend will be notified by the Chief.
 - F. Any exception to the above must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

1. On Tuesday October 9, 2012 Pam Brenner and I will be attending a meeting at Suffolk County EMS to discuss the changes to CME. If you haven't already, please email me or Pam with your questions and will try to have them answer tomorrow night.
2. There will be a EMS stress management Non -core CME on Thursday November 15 at 7PM
3. Anyone who attended the Aviation Demo your signed CME form is in your Mail folder.

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4. Just a reminder to our newer members, Blood borne Pathogens Review training must be completed. If you have any questions regarding the Monthly review trainings please contact me at seconddeputy.hcfas@gmail.com

5. The Monthly review training for this Month is Incident Command. This training must be taken at the FEMA website. If you have already taken 100, 200, or 700 and you have taken them prior to 2012 you can take any other FEMA trainings on the site.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Paul Biersack (as posted)

BUILDING

- Basement
 - Annual cleaning of water/oil separator. Scheduled for week of October 8th. *Work in Progress*
- Truck Room
 - North Bay 3 reportedly went up but not down again. Cables jumped right pulley again, door found out of alignment and cables frayed. TM Kenney replaced cable, oiled and adjusted track.
 - South Bay 3 had a missing shoreline connector. I do not know why. *UPDATE – Phil Schmidt (#539) has repaired the plug at the end of this shoreline.*
 - North Bay 5 had a loose shoreline connector that has been repaired.
- Alarm System
 - SimplexGrinnell has completed alarm inspections throughout the building on September 17th.
- Ready Room
 - Ready Room recliners have been assessed for damage and a list of replacement parts generated. Replacement parts covered under extended warranty but labor may not be according to La-Z-Boy. Pending feedback from BOD regarding contract terms. *Work in progress*
 - Carpet is dirty again. Next cleaning scheduled for week of October 15th. *Work in progress*
- Plumbing
 - No Hot Water – *Repaired*
 - 1st Floor Men's Restroom – Slow drip reported in urinal (blue residue) *Repaired*
 - 1st Floor Kitchen – Slow drip underneath sink – *New drain installed*
 - Upstairs Kitchen – Leak reported at wash basin sprayer *Repaired*
 - Upstairs Kitchen – Leak reported left side of dishwasher (soapy discharge) *Repaired*
- Upstairs Kitchen
 - Cleaning of range hood and stoves. Cleaning scheduled for week of October 15th. *Work in progress*
- Upstairs Janitorial Closet
 - Reported that door does not lock. Locksmith repaired broken door handle. *Repaired*
- Chiefs Office

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- Ballast reported broken over 2nd Deputy Chief's desk. Confirmed dead ballast. Found another dead ballast in the General Meeting Room. Electrician replaced both ballasts, both working again.
- Landscaping
 - At request of our Bookkeeper, I have contacted Travis Smith about trimming back the shrubs around gas and electrical meters for ongoing energy audit. Landscaper has trimmed back both shrubs for easier access to both meters.
 - Reported visual obstruction of cameras 15 and 17. Have reviewed location of cameras and requested trimming work for all greenery ahead of fall cleanup.
Work in progress
- Light bulbs replaced in various parts of building. *Ongoing*

VEHICLES

- Weekly maintenance and inspections continue as scheduled for all vehicles.
- Preventative maintenance completed on 19 and 21.
- New York State Safety Inspection completed on 25.
- Unit 16
 - Rechargeable flashlight doesn't work. Dead battery replaced.
 - Vehicle damage sustained to right rear wheel flare. Damage appears superficial so Rich Stone has asked Ace Auto to order necessary parts for repair in house.
- Unit 17
 - *Has been placed in rotation as permanent last due.*
- Unit 18
 - Vehicle has returned from Pro-liner following completion of repair work.
- Unit 19
 - Broken siren replaced.
 - Trash can reported missing and appears to have been replaced. 19s trash can later found on 21.
 - Missing rubber piece from air horn in front grill.
- Unit 20
 - Siren reported broken on October 4th. Later that same shift, siren reported OK. Will need to keep an eye on this siren for future problems.
 - Purchased new halligan tool for 20. Needs to be marked and put on ambulance. *Work in progress*
- Unit 21
 - Right rear lower corner of the ambulance has taken some damage. This appears to be a cosmetic problem and repair will be ordered next time ambulance goes to Pro-liner for something electrical or mechanical. *Pending*
- Unit 89
 - A chip has been reported in the front windshield. *UPDATE – Have submitted tax exempt form to Safelite AutoGlass for creation of tax free account. Once completed, will bring vehicle in to have chip filled. Work in progress*

REMINDERS

- ***Please remember to call me at 631-793-0702 (the “Third Deputy” cell phone) for all urgent problems in the building and at any time a vehicle is taken out of service!*** If I am unable to answer, please leave a voicemail and I will follow up as soon as possible. For non-critical issues, please submit a maintenance form to the Third Deputy mailbox so that I may complete the repair and follow up if necessary.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

No report submitted.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain’s Report – Keith Rubenstein

No Report submitted.

Monday Co. 2 Captain’s Report – Karen Martin

Thank you to everyone for their help in September, we managed to get through without having to 24 a call.....last Monday we had 22 calls!!!!

The 1100 shift had 7 calls and the 1500 had 8!!!! Great job to everyone and especially the dispatchers(along with dispatch trainees) getting the calls covered.....yes, Mondays Rock!!

With shift changes and LOA’s, crews are light recently.....if you are around to come hang out in the building or listen up from home I always appreciate it. You can always call the dispatcher and give them a number you can be reached at and they can call when needed.

Keep up the great work Kelly Murphy #1325 and J.J. Gander #1329 with your ACLing. You are both doing awesome!!!!

Want to also recognize Joel Paul #1068 for playing a major role with the assistance of a patient that was a victim of assault. Not only did he put our patient at ease by speaking to him in his native language, Joel was of tremendous assistance to the SCPD while obtaining information being the patient was under a tremendous amount of stress and having some difficulty expressing himself in English. Great job Joel and thank you.

To everyone that was at the Fall Festival, I had a great time hanging out with all of you. Lots of laughs and memories.....Command , 2-15-canine unit is 21 & 6. Come down next year, it really can be a lot of fun.

Mondays schedule is posted on web site, if you are looking for Co. 8 time please come on down

Reminder to crew members to check their expiration dates on their certification cards and make sure they are current. Please submit copies of certification cards upon receipt after completion of course

Please notify either myself or the dispatcher when you are unable to make it in for your shift so we can try and make arrangements for coverage

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Please continue to help each other out and keep up on the assigned duty chores for your shift. It helps us all out and makes for a much nicer environment if we all pitch in.

Keep up the great work with completing your check outs including Driver, BLS and ALS.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr (Report given by Casey Orr)

1100 hour shift – Ralph Murphey #1372 passed his dispatcher test and ambulance orientation test and is now an observer. Ralph was accepted as a member on 7/19. Congratulations on your speedy accomplishments.

Welcome new Member: Christopher Amaya #1375 (brother of Vanessa).

Happy Birthday to Juan Flores – now a EMT-CC

We need a dispatcher for the 1100 & 1500 hour shifts.

Always need a 2nd duty crew 0700-1100 hour shift.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No report submitted.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan

No report submitted.

Friday Co. 5 – Kurt Vetter (as posted)

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for the outstanding job that they continue to do, those who keep their shifts running smoothly and efficiently and also thank those many people who answered up to get the job done when additional personnel are needed.

Congratulations are in order for Kristin Schwartz- Perkins who last week aced her dispatching test and is now scheduled for ambulance orientation. Good Job Kristen.

Let's welcome Nathan Bruskin to the 1100 shift. Nathan has started his dispatch training and the way he is conducting himself on the air, you would think that he has been doing this for a long time.

My heart, gratitude and pride goes out to the Friday overnight crew who for two weeks in a row, were faced with the hardest call of all, an infant cardiac arrest. They handled both in a truly professional manner. Having gone through this type of call myself, I can appreciate the emotional and physiological effect that this can have. I applaud you all.

The following is an e mail that was sent to me as a follow up to a debriefing that I shared with Kyle Ruden on Saturday morning. As happens many times there are also "unsung heroes" that are sometimes over looked.

For obvious reasons our conversations yesterday focused on the second infant cardiac arrest/working CPR call in two weeks for the Friday overnight shift and associated implications for the regular crew. Keep in mind though there were six calls in total (including the late 1900 shift MVA that we were called to), and we would not have been able to handle them -- or at least not as effectively without the backup of Keith Rubenstein, Dale Bartolomeo, and Richard Cortes.

Keith and Dale stayed the entire night (in fact, they stayed beyond 0700 with Homicide detectives in the ER). They've been around the Squad a while and always go above and beyond, so I probably don't need to say much more.

Richard however is a relatively new member and deserves credit for answering a Signal 3 for manpower at 0055 (the first of the shift's two cardiac arrests). Not only did he answer at a late hour, but did a phenomenal job. After the call at the hospital I learned it was his first CPR call. That definitely surprised me. He was calm, confident, didn't hesitate to jump right in and assume a hands-on role without needing direction, did flawless chest compressions, carried the rather large patient down a couple flights of twisting stairs, and continued working the arrest to the hospital. A great new member.
Kyle

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

Having 5 Saturdays in a month does make it hard to recall the entire month's events. However, Saturdays in September went by relatively uneventfully, until Saturday Sept. 29, which presented some challenges, to say the least.

There was a horribly sad call that affected both the Friday overnight and Sat. 0700 crews, and not one, but two multi-patient MVA's that showed how well we can respond when the pressure's on.

We experienced quite a range of emotions that EMS providers are potentially exposed to every time they get in an ambulance. There was the adrenalin rush of the response to a cardiac arrest only to bear the terrible sadness of an infant's death. That was followed almost immediately by a multi-victim (5 patients) MVA that tested the response capabilities of our members. In between these calls were the "mundane"/"routine" calls we've become used to and perhaps a bit complacent about (another topic for another time). When we thought we had had our fair share of stressors for the day, we got another multi-victim (7 patient) MVA as a night cap.

Thanks to everyone who stepped up yet again. The names are too numerous to mention here but hey know who they are and what they did. Props to all of you.

We are saying goodbye to Mindy Scalzetti who is leaving the 1100 shift to go to Friday 1100. She will be missed.

- Welcome new Member Christine Anderer to the 0700 shift.
- Happy October Birthdays to Lenise Booth- 1900 shift, and Mindy Scalzetti – 1100 shift
- Congratulations to Jeff Daniels # 1358 who came off Probation in September and to Kristin vanBenschoten #1356 who became a FA, and to Meagan Pereira # 1344 who has entered the ACL program.

Help is needed on most Saturday shifts. If you're able to come in and help, please do so. No one is ever turned away!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) – Andrea Golinsky

PulseCheck 2012 will begin this Friday, Oct. 12th. It is being held at the Crown Plaza in Suffern, NY. That is only about 1 ½ to 2 hours away. There are eight members approved to go to the conference and two people will also attending the Memorial service/banquet. There may still be an opportunity to drive up for 1 day events but prior approval would be needed in order to be reimbursed.

One of our members (Patty Salajka) has been informed she is the recipient of a scholarship which will be presented at the banquet on Saturday night.

If you haven't signed your proxy yet, please do so. You will find one in your mail folder. The lasted they will be collected will be this Thursday, by noon.

The next District 7 meeting will take place next Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance.

Legislation – Andrea Golinsky

Bill A09943C / S7013C – Unfortunately the bill for the change in the CON process had been signed into law by the Governor. Andrea thanked everyone for your support in opposing this bill.

By-Laws Amendments 03-2012 and 04-2012 & SOP 03-2012 - Bob Franz

There was no quorum at this general membership meeting; at the November 12th meeting, the proposed By-Laws amendment 03-2012 will be read for the 2nd time, discussed and voted upon and proposed amendment 04-2012 will be read for the first time as well as proposed SOP 03-2012 .

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 will be indicated on the 2011 LOSAP benefit statement which will be distributed to you sometime in October.

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.

Standby Committee – Donna Smith

During the month of September we did twelve (12) stand-bys, totaling 207 hours of assistance above and beyond our duty tours. This included Yaphank drills for both HFD and HMFD, GFD's fair, football games for St. Anthony HS, Huntington HS Homecoming, Cow Harbor Day Run, Unity in the Community, HFD Hoe Down and a house moving in Lloyd Harbor. Thanks to all those who helped out; **John Maier, Chris Fischer, Carol Nucci, Captain Mark Cappola, Sue Otto, Claudia Femminella, Deputy Chief David Mohr, Liz Mohr, Captain Karen Martin, Tom O'Leary, Captain Kurt Vetter, Paul Kelly, Fran Vasta, Captain Keith Rubinstein, Dale Bartolomeo, Dominic Heavey, Tim Quigley, Alyssa Axelrod, Keith Tetrault, Bedel Saget, Kyle Ruden, Vito Reciniello and Tyler Gibbs.**

Below is a listing of upcoming event in which we will be doing stand bys for. If you are interested in helping and doing a stand by, please contact Donna Smith at 515-380-9093 or email her at tanna422@yahoo.com.

10/12/12	Huntington FD	Fire Prevention
10/13/12	Walt Whitman HS	Marching Band
10/17/12	Huntington Manor FD	Yaphank
10/19/12	St. Anthony's HS	Football game
10/20/12	Kiwanis	10K Run
10/20/12	Walt Whitman HS	Homecoming
10/26/12	St. Anthony's HS	Football game

If you are contacted regarding a stand by request or asked about one, please contact either Donna Smith or Deputy Chief David Mohr with the information.

CME – Pam Brenner

Pam mentioned the CME transition classes being held at HCFAS starting October 23, 2012. Pam and 2nd Deputy Chief Tim Ebert will be attending a meeting tomorrow on the transition classes and hope to get answers to everyone's questions. She emphasized that you should sign up for the classes ASAP.

Post 215- Sheryl Roach

New Member Open House Recruitment Day: 14 members were registered with the Boy Scouts and the Post, Pasta dinner November 10th, cost \$10, Adult, children \$5, The Post participated in the Huntington Fall Festival; CPR Demonstration, recruitment events were featured. The Explorer post 215 made the Hunting Patch Electronic newspaper with their CPR Demonstration.

Special Events Committee - Brian Canty

Adult Holiday Party is scheduled for December 15th.
Children Holiday Party is scheduled for December 8th.

Medical Committee – Brian Canty

Physicals and Flu shots are scheduled for 10/18 and 10/20.

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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

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

Fund Drive – Pete Nakelski & Mary Brenner

As of 9/5/2012 we have received in donations \$64,441.44. There were 1,895 contributors with an average of \$5-\$100.

Old business:

None

New business:

Lehti Laas

-A crewleader or driver is needed for the 2nd Annual Hispanic Heritage festival. This event is being hosted by Friends of Huntington Station Latin Quarter at Manor Field Park.

-If anybody would like to plant bulbs outside of the building please see Lehti or Alyssa.

-There is a Complaints Procedure being created for members. Ed Billia is the Co-Chair and the meetings are beginning in the next 2 weeks. Anybody interested, please contact Ed or Lehti.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Dale Bartolomeo, Christy Stiles, Israel Cortez, Tom O’Leary, Carol Nucci, Claire Tesoriero.

Setup Committee; Roger Winter, Mary Winter, Brian Cauty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Pindar Pythagoras Red Table Wine (VSS) – Lori Stone
2. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Tervis Cup/Pen – Beatris Maldonado
3. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Tervis Cup/Pen – Israel Cortez
4. Station Sports \$10 Gift Certificate – Paul Nathan
5. Station Sports \$10 Gift Certificate – Kristin VanBenschoten
6. Pumpkin Table arrangement – Pam Brenner
7. Pumpkin Table Arrangement – Jerry Giacomini
8. Holiday Flower Basket – Sam Mohr
9. Pumpkin – Casey Orr

The information only meeting was adjourned by President Winter at 2055 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: October 30, 2012

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

By-Laws Proposed Amendment 03-2012 and 04-2012 and SOP 03-2012

Since there was no quorum at the October general membership meeting, at the November 12th meeting, the proposed By-Laws amendment 03-2012 will be read for the 2nd time, discussed and voted upon and proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2012 will be read for the first time and proposed SOP change 03-2012 will be read and discussed.

Proposed By-Law Change 03-2012

Proposal:

To require a consensus vote on proposed changes to the SOP, requiring the Board of Directors to take up the issue within 30 days and requiring the Secretary to publish the results within 10 days.

Background/Justification:

The current SOP change rules require an SOP be brought to the membership for comment but not for a membership vote. Some people are uncomfortable speaking at the meetings, and many feel there is no reason to speak if their point of view has already been verbalized. The actual majority opinion of the membership is left up to interpretation as to how many members are in favor of or against a specific SOP proposal. This change leaves the authority to pass an SOP change with the Board of Directors; however, this will allow the Board members to be clear on how the members feel about the issue.

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

Article XI, SECTION 2 - STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

This Article establishes the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) as an operational document of the Corporation. The operational aspects of the functions of the Corporation shall be the body of Standard Operating Procedures. These rules and regulations shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors. The Uniform Code shall be considered a part of the Standard Operating Procedure. Any changes to the Standard Operating Procedures will be submitted to the By-Law Committee Chair person for review. The By-Law Committee Chair will provide a copy to the PULSE editor for publication in the next issue and they will be read (for comment) and voted on for a consensus of membership opinion only at a the General Membership Meeting following the PULSE publication prior to being approved by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall take up the matter no later than 30 days following the General Membership Meeting, and, the Secretary shall see that the results of the vote and if applicable the new/changed SOP is distributed to the membership by email and updated on the website within 10 days of the Board's vote. The Standard Operating Procedures shall govern all aspect of the operations, except when superseded by the By-Laws of the Corporation.

Proposers

Martha Brenner #236 /s/ _____

Tom O’Leary #1187 /s/ _____

Kurt Vetter #1161 /s/ _____

First Reading: July 9, 2012

Second Reading: _____

**Proposed By-Law Change
04-2012**

Proposal:

To remove the American Red Cross Advanced First Aid Card and the American Red Cross Emergency Response Card as they no longer exist.

Background/Justification:

To remove certifications that no longer exist.

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

Article I, Section 3 - Definitions

b) "Properly certified per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws" means: possessing a valid ~~American Red Cross Advanced First Aid Card and an American Red Cross or American Heart Association BLS CPR Card, or an American Red Cross Responding to Emergencies Card and a BLS CPR Card, or a New York State Certified First Responder Card and BLS CPR Card, or an American Red Cross Emergency Response Card and BLS CPR Card,~~ or a New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) or higher certification.

Proposers

Brian Canty #757 /s/ _____

John Palmieri #499 /s/ _____

Tim Ebert #1184 /s/ _____

Readings

First Reading Date: _____

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2012 General Membership Meeting
Date: November 12, 2012

Officers:

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

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet & eligible members in the room (73 eligible 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

- Rich Gierbolini #1124 –Rich was hospitalized, knee surgery. He is back on duty and recovering. Get well wishes and calls are welcomed.
- Monique Moreno #1042 was hospitalized, back surgery. She is home recovering, moving slowly about calls and get well wishes are welcomed.
- Tom D'Antonio #1006 was hospitalized last month, gravely ill. He is still recovering, no calls at this time. Prayers and get well wishes are welcomed at this time. Please send cards to his home

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- Carey Winter Kendrick, daughter of Mary and Roger Winter, Sister Casey Stone and Brother in Law Jon Stone, Brother Chris Winter was hospitalized recently. She is home recovering, Calls, e-mails, Facebook get well wishes are welcomed.
- Liz Steenson #820 is seriously ill. She has been transferred to North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset. She will undergo aortic heart valve replacement and other procedures. Prayers and get well wishes are welcomed at this time.
- Andrea Golinsky's # 315; husband Mike will be undergoing a procedure at the hospital next week. Get well wishes are welcomed at this time.

We Mourn the loss of: It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of:

- Life Member" Bernard Hershkowitz # 374
- Beatris Maldonado's #1275; father has passed away 10/31/12
- Sally Staszak's #397; brother passed away, in England.

Congratulation on the Birth of a New Baby:

- Congratulations to Beatris Maldonado #1275 and Claudy Grimadeau #1142 on the birth of their son, Adrian, on 10.12.12, 7lbs, 19" long,
- Congratulations to "Life Member" Clara Elliot #416 on the birth of her Great Grand Daughter Emily Marie (Elliot) Shoop, 7 lbs. 12 oz. 10/31/12

Secretary's Report

Robert Franz

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: Trish Reciniello; Richard Fernandez & family and Robin O'Leary.

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.

Longevity Awards – President Winter

- Christine "Chris" Roulo – 30 years of service.
- Joseph "Joe" Denimarck – 20 years of service
- John Maier - 20 years of service
- Vito Reciniello – 20 years of service
- Alison Russo – 20 years of service
- Michelle Miller – 10 years of service

30 Years of Service

Christine "Chris" Roulo # 661 – 30 years of service.
11/1982

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91 “Life Member” Christine Roulo,
92 Administrative
93 Review Training Documentation
94 Ran the Elections for 15 years
95 CPR Instructor
96 Board of Director Secretary 9 years
97 Secretary to the Operational Officers for 6 years to the present time
98 Public Relations committee
99 Social Committee,
100 Explorer Post 215 Advisor
101 Stand-by Committee Chair
102 Thank you Chris for 30 years of outstanding membership
103

104 **20 Years of Service**

106 **Joseph “Joe” Denimarck #883 – 20 years of service**

107 11/1992
108 EMT-P
109 Crew Leader
110 Driver
111 4x Day Captain
112 3rd Deputy Chief
113 2nd Deputy Chief
114 1st Deputy Chief
115 ALS Supplies Committee Chair
116 New Vehicle Committee
117 Driver Training Committee
118 Bike Team Committee
119 Thank you Joe for 20 years of outstanding service
120

121 **John Maier #886 - 20 years of service**

122 11/1992
123 “Life Member”
124 Driver
125 Crewleader
126 Captain
127 3rd Deputy Chief
128 1st Deputy Chief
129 Husband of the Easter Bunny Wife “Lorraine”
130 Thank you John for 20 years of outstanding service
131

132 **Vito Reciniello #659 – 20 years of service**

133 11/1982
134 20 year Exempt
135 Driver
136 Crewleader

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137 EMT-P
138 Day Captain
139 3rd Deputy Chief
140 Chief
141 Went associate membership for and returned to active service
142 Thank you Vito for 20 years of outstanding service
143
144 **Alison Russo #884 – 20 years of service**
145 11/1992
146 Driver Crew Leader
147 EMT-P
148 Review Training Committee
149 Uniform Committee
150 10x Day Captain, one odd year she was the Sunday Captain back in 2000, Wednesday Day
151 Captain for the rest of the time.
152 In 1999 Alison was commended by the Plainview Fire Department for stopping at an MVA on
153 Northern State Parkway.
154 Thank you Alison for 20 years of outstanding service
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156 **Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by John Palmieri to change the order of the**
157 **meeting for Nominations for Directors & Operational Officers for 2013 and for the second**
158 **reading and vote on the proposed By-Laws amendment 03-2012 and the first reading on**
159 **proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2012 and a reading and discussion of the proposed SOP**
160 **amendment 03-2012.**
161 **Unanimous**
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163 The President opened nominations for each office and after the nominations were received for
164 each office from the floor, the President repeated three times, any more nominations for each
165 office and then he closed nominations for each office.
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167 **Board of Director:**
168 Christine Roulo nominates Andrea Golinsky
169 Margaret Cornelius nominates Richard Stone
170 Kurt Vetter nominates Thomas O’Leary
171 Tim Ebert nominates Alyssa Axelrod
172 Claudy Grimadeau nominates Lehti Laas
173 Carmen Schlieben nominates Jeffrey O’Neill
174 Martha Brenner nominates Joseph Denimarck
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176 **Chief:**
177 Margaret Cornelius nominates Martha Brenner
178 John Palmieri nominates David Mohr
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180 **1st Deputy Chief:**
181 David Mohr nominates Tim Ebert
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2nd Deputy Chief:

Sally Staszak nominates Dominic Heavey

Ann Donegan nominates Thomas Lemp

3rd Deputy Chief:

Trish Reciniello nominates Vito Reciniello

Andrew Taylor nominates Keith Rubenstein – Keith declines via email to Treasurer

Chief Dispatcher:

Mary Brenner nominates Tyler Gibbs

Lorries Stone nominates Patricia Tufo

Day Captain:

Kurt Vetter nominates Kathleen Castillo

Tim Ebert nominates Kyle Rudden

Vito Reciniello nominates Keith Rubenstein

Mary Brenner nominates Jim Mallilo

Casey Orr nominates Greg Orr

Patricia Tufo nominates Mark Cappola

Orlando Salcedo nominates Alison Russo

Tim Ebert nominates Karen Martin

Kurt Vetter nominates Richard Stone – Richard 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:

Jeffrey O'Neill

Richard Stone

Joseph Denimarck

Lehti Laas

Alyssa Axelrod

Thomas O'Leary

Andrea Golinsky

Chief:

Martha Brenner

David Mohr

1st Deputy Chief:

Tim Ebert

2nd Deputy Chief:

Dominic Heavey

Thomas Lemp

3rd Deputy Chief:

Vito Reciniello

Chief Dispatcher:

Patricia Tufo

Tyler Gibbs

Day Captain:

Gregory Orr

Kathleen Castillo

Kyle Rudden

Mark Cappola

Karen Martin

Keith Rubenstein

Alison Russo

James Mallilo

The proposed By-Laws amendment 03-2012 was read for the second reading by David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee. See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment.

Amendment would require a consensus vote on proposed changes to the SOP by the membership, requiring the Board of Directors to take up the issue within 30 days and requiring the Secretary to publish the results within 10 days.

Discussion: David Mohr and Martha Brenner responded to the members' questions.

Secretary Franz conducted a roll call and ballots were distributed.

Ballot vote results: 70 votes cast. Yes -58 votes, No - 12 votes.

Amendment Passed (2/3 Majority Vote needed or 47 yes votes).

Motion by Joann Vogel and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to destroy the ballots.

Unanimous

The proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2012 was read for the first reading by Chief Palmieri (David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee was on a call). See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment.

Amendment would remove certifications that no longer exist.

The proposed SOP amendment 03-2012 was read by David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee. Discussion followed. See the end of minutes below for the proposed SOP amendment. Amendment would institute a confidentiality policy in accordance with New York State Law.

Secretary's Report

Robert Franz

Motion by Cynthia Cairl and seconded by David Mohr to accept the July 9, 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

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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: for services rendered: The Rodriquez Family (Angelica, Aunt Vicky and Uncle Glenn).

President's Report Roger Winter (Continued)

1. M.C Alliance Energy Management Group will be assisting us in our energy management. You might see some new thermostats around. They will be under the control of several people in the squad. They are a web based reviewable system, and can be controlled from outside of the building.
2. I would like to thank Chief John Palmieri and First Deputy Chief David Mohr, 2nd Deputy chief Tim Ebert, Captain Karen Martin, Lisa Mohr for making all the necessary arrangements to service our community during hurricane "Sandy", arranging for extra crews, supplying them with food(Lisa) and sleeping arrangements. Also to accommodate for the families of crew members, housing and feeding them during this event. Again, I would like to thank the Chief Officers and Captains for all the extra work that went into this event.

Board Actions as of October 11, 2012- November 8, 2012

- Aviation Demonstration – Greenlawn FD
- Explorer Post 215 Renewal 2012-2013 School Year
- Explorer Post 215 Chief Advisor Appointment 2012-2013
- Explorer Post 215 Associate Advisors, Committee Members and Adult Leaders Appointments for 2012-2013
- Explorer Post 215 Activities for 2012-2013
- Explorer Post 215 Fundraisers for 2012-2013
- Explorer Post 215 Photo Release Form for 2012-2013
- Explorer Post 215 Rules of Conduct for 2012-2013
- Town of Huntington Chief's Council Annual Dinner
- General Meeting Room Use – Honorary Member Assemblyman James D. Conte
- Full Squad Services for – Honorary Member, Assemblyman James D. Conte.
- Funeral Floral Arrangement or Donation Specified by the Conte Family
- Physio Control AED Purchase
- HCFAS member's e-mail address for the purpose of sending the candidates qualifications.
- Advancement of \$100.00 for the Cash Box – Election Day
- Board of Directors Annual Dinner Meeting
- Operational Officers Annual Dinner Meeting

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- Application for Interim Gas Energy Efficiency Program, Noxious Gas Detector M. C. Alliance
- Participation in the Holiday Parade 2012
- TV Purchase for the Ready Room
- Children's Holiday Party
- Food Drive St. Hugh of Lincoln parish Outreach
- HCFAS Adult Holiday Party
- Purchase Invitations, Programs, Postage 2013 Installation and Inspection Dinner
- Flowers for the Installation and inspection Dinner 2013
- Purchase Used Stryker Power Pro XT6500 Stretcher
- T. D. Bank Gift Card to Eligible Membership
- LIPA Contract Workers Sleep Arrangements with HCFAS in the General Membership Meeting Room.

Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

No report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

The past two weeks have been a test for our organization: and we have exceeded anyones expectations. Superstorm Sandy hit us on Monday, October 29th, but HCFAS was ready before then. And the preparations worked well.

First Deputy Chief David Mohr had begun to put pieces in place for us the week before. Lines of communication were set up with the surrounding Fire Departments to work out details for coverage. On Saturday, David called a meeting to orchestrate how we would be able to handle the many facets of a possible impending disaster. (LIPA should have sat down with us.) We agreed to staffing for Lloyd Neck and the allocation of resources. We set a Huntington Fire Department truck with a mount for our pram so that we could transport even with water over West Neck Road. But crews were the least of the problems because so many of you members wanted to help. Food, water, beds, blankets, radios, fuel, the list went on and on. It was all preplanned.

Lisa Mohr came in on Monday and cooked for two days. We lucked out because the food that was supposed to be used for the HCC Dinner that Monday was available for our crews- shrimp and beef.

Mike Barker put on a demonstration of dispatching that unquestionably was probably the finest example of dispatching that had ever been heard in Suffolk County. He was textbook. Unruffled, correct, polite, helpful- AMAZING.

Our crews were all over, going around downed wires, trees, and standing water, until they could safely reach their patients. We had a crew on Lloyd Neck with the Huntington Fire Department. We were able to get fuel from Huntington Manor and diesel from a fuel oil supplier. We opened our meeting room to families that needed assistance.

The men and women of HCFAS really stepped up in a big way. Everyone who was able to help was appreciated. Through Wednesday, we had multiple crews for all shifts. Those who

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were not able to come down during the hurricane, have been here and doing extra in the last two weeks.

It is rejuvenating for the Soul to see people going out of their way to help strangers. But this is something that we see every shift in the Squad, but it is heartening to see it so evident in the outside world.

I cannot mention each person who gave of themselves the past two weeks, but to Dave, Tim, Karen, Keith, Tyler- Thank you for leading. For the rest of us- Thank you for shouldering the load. All of you have earned the Squad a new nickname- the Pride of Huntington. It is my great honor to be a member of HCFAS.

PS- The BOD has passed a motion allowing us to open our doors to the LIPA contract crews from across our country, that need a place to sleep. So we may have visitors upstairs until Long Island is totally running again. Please show them the gratitude that comes when the lights return.

Chief Palmieri clarified that 1st Deputy Chief Mohr did not ask any members or their family to leave our building during the period after Sandy.

Longevity Awards: I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

- Christine “Chris” Roulo – 30 years of service.
- Joseph “Joe” Denimarck – 20 years of service
- John Maier - 20 years of service
- Vito Reciniello – 20 years of service
- Alison Russo – 20 years of service
- Michelle Miller – 10 years of service

“Outback EMS Provider” for the month – Casey Orr

First Deputy Chief’s Report – David Mohr

I would like to thank each and every member that came out during Super Storm Sandy and helped out our community. Over the thirty-six hour period from 0700 Monday through 1900 hours Tuesday, seventy-one members handled thirty-seven calls, lodged members and their families and provided meals for our members who were on duty and their families. I cannot thank enough the support I received from the President and the Chief, and the assistance I received from the other Officers involved.

Chief John Palmieri	Joe Gander	Joe Gander, Jr
Deputy Chief David Mohr	Kelly Murphy	Matthew Gershuny
Second Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	Tom Lemp	Mike Barker
Captain Karen Martin	Nancy Barker	Nat Watts
Captain Mark Cappola	Terrence Cheang	Linda Guadagnin
Captain Greg Orr	Andrew Taylor	Stephanie Caracciolo
Sara Manning	Jennifer Ladd	John Connors
Tim Quigley	Kyle Rudden	Joanne Vogel
Janet Zapata	Casey Orr	Rodriguens Gabriel
Charles Beach	Laurie Hoffman	Claudia Femminella

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408	Dan Kelly	Tyler Gibbs	Rich Rudolph
409	Sharyn Cullen-Kutcher	Matt Valle	Dominic Heavey
410	Richard Stone	Carol Nucci	Matt Lupinacci
411	Audin Delva	Rich Cortes	Kathy Castillo
412	Israel Cortes	George Reeder	Kurt Vetter
413	Golan Stern	Liz Mohr	Andrew Taylor
414	Tom O'Leary	Sally Staszak	Ralph Murphey
415	Bazeel Walters	Crystal Mueller	Joanne Cunningham
416	Paul Kelly	Maria Allen	Pam Brenner
417	Jeff Daniels	Anne Donegan	John Vasquez
418	Melissa Flores	Tony Cruz	Kevin McCann
419	Melissa Anastos	Patty Tufo	Diane Tanko
420	Keith Davis	Juan Flores	Lisa Mohr
421	Kathy Bonessi		
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Job Well Done

425 **September 25, 2012** – 0704 hours, we received a call for a bravo MVA. **Chris Evers #1216,**
426 **Tim Quigley #1261, Melissa Anastos #1309** arrived to find a three car MVA with five patients.
427 Second due was **Patty Salajka #1164, Harvey Lapidus #1141, and Suzie Biagi #1251** and
428 third due **Chris Fischer #996, Kyle Rudden #1288, and Captain Mark Cappola #1087.**
429 HMFD was called to extricate patients from two of the cars. One patient was transported while
430 experiencing seizures during transport. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

432 **September 29, 2012** – 2235 hours, we received a call for a bravo MVA. The on duty crew was
433 already on a chest pain call and a back up crew was responding to the building for an overdose.
434 Upon arriving at the building **Jeff O'Neill, #1299** took over dispatching from **Brian Quinn**
435 **#1256** who went with **Captain Mark Cappola #1087** to the overdose. At the same time the
436 MVA was upgraded to four patients. **Meagan Pereira #1344** arrived and took over dispatching
437 as **Liz Mohr #1292 and Jeff O'Neill #1299** responded to the MVA. Upon arrival, Liz triaged
438 the patients and determined that there were seven patients for transport, one with serious injuries
439 and the remainder with less serious injuries. **Deputy Chief David Mohr #748** responded
440 directly to the scene. Following a quick turn-around at the hospital from the overdose call, Brian
441 and Mark were the second ambulance to arrive on scene, followed by **Vito Reciniello #659,**
442 **Captain Karen Martin #1118, and Casey Orr #1283** in the 3rd ambulance. The On-duty crew,
443 **Fernando Rivadeneira #965, Robert Loysch #56, Fritz Barreau #1025 and Jody Kavanagh**
444 **#928,** responded with the 4th ambulance after they completed their chest pain call. Assistance
445 was also rendered by HMFD for extrication and Greenlawn FD and Centerport FD ambulances
446 each transporting one patient and HCFAS transporting the remaining 5 patients. Congratulations
447 to all on a job well done.

449 **November 5, 2012** – Call comes in for a maternity while the duty crew is on a call. The
450 dispatcher notified **Captain Keith Rubenstein #1154,** who had him start paging out while he
451 responded to the scene. Unable to get a crew the call was 24'd to Halesite. Upon Keith's arrival
452 on the scene he found two police officers, **PO Joe Carboni and PO Stroehlein,** and the patient
453 crowning. He immediately set-up the OB kit got ready to assist the mom with the delivery. Two

additional officers arrived, **PO Steve Discala and PO Enid Nieves**. Shortly after their arrival the baby was born and immediately started to cry. At that point Halesite, **Jessica Kitzen, Roger Ketchem, and Wayne Jen**o, arrived and Keith and Halesite transported both mother and baby to Huntington Hospital with out incident. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

November 6, 2012 – 0404, Monday over night crew, **Andrew Taylor #1338, Alyssa Axelrod #1102, Jenn Ladd #1267, and John Connors #1272** received a call, 24-D-3 Imminent Delivery. Upon arrival at the scene the patient stated that her water had broken approximately 20 min ago and contractions were 2 minutes apart. The patient was feeling very anxious and initially refused transportation to the hospital, despite the recommendations from medical control. Upon examination of the patient it was noted the baby's head had begun to crown and a healthy baby boy was subsequently delivered. A healthy Mom and Baby Boy were then transported to the hospital. Congratulations to all on a job well done. Stork pins were presented for their efforts.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

We have purchased new AED's and one new power stretcher. We will begin and in service for both starting this week. Email's will be going out soon.

The ePCR committee has been very hard in putting together a plan on how to implement. It is our intentions to get this to the board before the next board meeting. It is our hope to start training early next year. Feel free to start asking questions and letting us know your concerns.

Thanks to everyone on the committee

Alyssa Axelrod, Matt Valle, George Reeder, Alison Russo, Chris Evers, Dominic Heavey, Juan Flores, Sheryl Roach

The Supplemental CME Class that had been scheduled for Tuesday October 30th has been rescheduled. The course will now be given Tuesday December 18th. All members who had previously signed up will be automatically enrolled. If you wish to withdraw, register or have any questions please contact Pam Brenner pamelabrenner@gmail.com

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Paul Biersack (as posted)

BUILDING

- HVAC
 - Traditional Air has completed prep work to ready building heat for colder weather.
- Truck Room
 - South Bay 2 – Door reportedly stuck open. Motor is obsolete and parts unavailable. To get door working again, clutch was tightened, a broken shaft welded and internal drive gears tightened to limit movement. Was recommended for replacement.

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- North and South Bay 5 – A construction trailer has been loaned to us for use in the 2013 holiday parade and is currently being stored in these bays. Over the weekend, I found the “NYS Certified Escort” signs stuck (one each) to the closet doors at the west end of the building. Please **do not remove** items from the trailer or relocate anything to other parts of the building. If the truck driver goes on the road missing essential items, he could be heavily fined by New York State. This is akin to one of our ambulances reporting in service and being pulled over for inspection by NYS EMS.
- Ready Room
 - Ready Room recliners have been assessed for damage and a list of replacement parts generated. Have reached out to the Repairman to order parts and am awaiting callback. *Work in progress*
 - Carpet was deep cleaned on October 23rd.
- Upstairs Kitchen
 - Range hood and stoves cleaned on October 23rd.
 - Walk in refrigerator has been repaired after not maintaining proper temperature.
- Chiefs Office
 - Electrician replaced dead ballasts over 2nd Deputy Chiefs desk and in the General Meeting Room. Verified both working again.
- Dispatch Office
 - Small leak reported in ceiling above rightmost console.
- ClinicalClean sanitizing system reportedly empty. Verified CO2 tanks empty. Have called ClinicalClean to reorder and am awaiting callback with confirmation. *Work in progress*
- Ceiling tiles have been replaced in the BOD Meeting Room.
- Snow Removal
 - Harbor Irrigation was kind enough to plow our ramps and parking lot during Winter Storm Athena last week. I believe the BOD is in the process of reviewing snow removal proposals for 2012/2013 season. *Pending*
- Building Inspection
 - SimplexGrinnel will be performing a walkthrough of HQ on November 12. This is a free consultation and a preventative measure to identify items that may need to be addressed as a result of changes to NFPA building codes for 2013.
- Timer for lights in parking lot has been adjusted to compensate for longer nights. Please let me know if the lights need readjustment in the morning or afternoon as the sunrise and sunset changes. *Work in progress*
- Light bulbs replaced in various parts of building.

VEHICLES

- Weekly maintenance and inspections continue as scheduled for all vehicles.
- Preventative maintenance completed on 80.
- Unit 16
 - Vehicle damage sustained to right rear wheel flare. Damage appears superficial so Rich Stone has asked Ace Auto to order necessary parts for repair in house.
UPDATE – Ace has parts on order and will install upon delivery. Pending

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- 545 • Unit 17
- 546 ○ Has been placed in rotation as permanent last due.
- 547 • Unit 18
- 548 ○ Flashing red light reported inside of rear door when closed. Sunday Captain
- 549 showed me where the sensor for this light had been broken. It has been
- 550 temporarily fixed. *Work in progress*
- 551 • Unit 19
- 552 ○ Missing rubber piece from siren in front grill. *UPDATE – Ace has parts on order*
- 553 *and will install upon delivery. Pending*
- 554 ○ Pneumatic arm on O2 door was too short for stair chair to be removed from
- 555 compartment. Saturday Captain removed pneumatic arm and am working on a
- 556 longer replacement. *Work in progress*
- 557 ○ Pram mount reported broken inside ambulance. Asked 2nd Deputy about the
- 558 problem and he agreed to call MedPro for repair. *Work in progress*
- 559 ○ A Streamlight was missing from the rear Driver's side compartment this weekend
- 560 and replaced with a spare from the Vehicle Maintenance Closet. If anyone knows
- 561 where this Streamlight went, please return it or contact me of it's whereabouts?
- 562 ○ Vehicle involved in a collision on November 10th. Damage to passenger side
- 563 mirror. A new mirror is on order from Wheeled Coach. *Work in progress*
- 564 • Unit 20
- 565 ○ New Halligan tool for 20 has been marked and put on ambulance.
- 566 ○ Pram mount is working intermittently. Med-Pro was to come out and take a look
- 567 but may have been delayed due to recent storms. Please be sure the pram triggers
- 568 the pram mount to clamp shut on the stretcher when securing the patient for
- 569 transport.
- 570 ○ Additional (unused) anchors for pram mounts have been removed from the floor
- 571 and given to Huntington Fire Department for mounting in the floor of 2-3-9 (the
- 572 military transport truck). This was so that critical patients can still be transported
- 573 across the flooded causeway if necessary.
- 574 • Unit 21
- 575 ○ Right rear lower corner of the ambulance has sustained superficial damage.
- 576 Repair will be ordered next time ambulance goes to Pro-liner for something
- 577 electrical or mechanical. *Pending*
- 578 ○ Missing a 3 point harness for one of the rear seats. New harness on order. *Work in*
- 579 *progress*
- 580 ○ Handheld spotlight is missing the trigger button. *Pending*
- 581 • Unit 80
- 582 ○ Rear Driver's side tire was replaced after rolling over shard of metal. Ace Auto
- 583 recalibrated tire pressure sensor after replacement.
- 584 ○ Lower portion of push bar has sustained damage. *Work in progress*
- 585 • Unit 82
- 586 ○ Shoreline reportedly had trouble staying plugged in. Verified problem and
- 587 ordered new parts though Ace, who replaced the auto eject connector.
- 588 ○ Vehicle involved in a collision on November 3rd. Damage in excess of \$10,000.
- 589 Vehicle towed from scene by Ace Auto and is currently out to Pro-liner for repair
- 590 work. *Work in progress*

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- Unit 89

- Chip in the front windshield. Account created with Safelite Auto Glass for repair. *Work in progress*
- Striping on front passenger side fender is missing. Pro-liner will restripe this fender when they have need to swap vehicles next. *Pending*

Thank you to Dominic Heavey (#973), Tyler Gibbs (#1252), Keith Rubenstein (#1154) and David Mohr (#748) for their direct assistance before, during and after recent storms. Apologies if I've missed anyone.

REMINDERS

Please remember to call me at 631-793-0702 (the "Third Deputy" cell phone) for all urgent problems in the building and at any time a vehicle is taken out of service! If I am unable to answer, please leave a voicemail and I will follow up as soon as possible. For non-critical issues, please submit a maintenance form to the Third Deputy mailbox so that I may complete the repair and follow up if necessary.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

No report submitted.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein

No Report submitted.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

Wow!!! Where has the time gone? I cannot believe we are in November already. This year has been a great year in so many ways..... I have had so many people help me in my first year as Captain and it has made it truly wonderful.

I do not know how I could ever say enough thank you's to everyone that came to help out for Hurricane Sandy.....it was a very busy Monday into Tuesday but with so many members here to help it made a stressful time enjoyable. Most importantly we all remained safe while helping our community.

The holidays are literally just around the corner, please let me know ahead of time if you will not be able to come in for your shift. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both fall on Mondays so of course there will be food. Come join the fun, the more help the merrier.

Thank you to my crews that come in each and every week for their shifts, I am so grateful to all of you for your hard work. You make an effort to go out of your way to make our squad look good, whether it is completing your check outs, washing an ambulance, or being there for our community..... Mondays Rock!!!

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633 We have had some eventful Mondays; we had one Monday with 32 calls! Unfortunately we did
634 have to 24 some calls during the 1100 and overnight shift. Thank you to everyone that came out
635 to help, we did our best.

636 I want to say congratulations to Matt Gershuny #1367 for passing his Dispatch test and also best
637 of luck with Matt's upcoming wedding.

638 Also want to congratulate the Monday overnight crew....Dispatcher -Andrew Taylor # 1338 ,
639 ALS- Alyssa Axelrod #1102, Driver-Jenn Ladd # 1267, and Crewleader-John Connors # 1272
640 for their call with a baby delivery. Great Job to All!!!!

641 Welcome back to Jill Decker #908 and our continued wishes go out to Monique Moreno #1042
642 for a speedy recovery.

643 Also wishing Paul Nathan's #1235 father a speedy recovery after a recent fall leading to a
644 hospitalization.

645 Keep up the great work Joe Gander Jr #1329 and Kelly Murphy #1325 with your ACL training.
646 You are both doing a great job.

647 Please everyone, continue to help out with our duty tours and clean up after yourself. I
648 understand we get called out and may leave our dishes but please come back and clean up before
649 you leave from your shift.

650 I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thank you to my HCFAS family that helps
651 me week in and week out.

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

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655 Always need a 2nd duty crew 0700-1100 hour shift.
656 We need a dispatcher for the 1100 & 1500 hour shifts & a First Aider on the 1500 hour shift.

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658 Thank you all the on duty crews who showed up on Tuesday 10/30 Thank You – and all those
659 who came in and helped throughout the day and night.

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661 Greg thanked numerous members and said these are most of the members who were here not
662 including the on duty crews, if I left your name off, I apologize.
663 Rich Rudolph, Tim Ebert, John Connors, Stephanie Caracciolo, Dave Mohr, Liz Mohr, Karen
664 Martin, Tyler Gibbs, Melissa Anastos, Jeff Daniels, Melissa Flores, Jennifer Ladd, Crystal
665 Mueller, Andrew Taylor, Ann Donegan, Kathy Castillo, Pam Brenner, Jeff Brenner, Keith Davis,
666 Laurie Hoffman, Casey Orr, Chris Fischer, Claudy Grimadeau, Doug Mayer, Glen Stern.

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Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

The seasons are behind us now and company 4 has been very productive throughout them. We have gained new EMTs. Tiffany White and Casey Orr, who worked diligently throughout the summer to get where they are. Merideth Borg has recently come off of probation and now has her own pet detective shield !

We also have 3 new dispatchers , congratulations to Jeanette Russell, Angela Wallace , Patrick Stanton and Candice sobina mills great job guys! Thanks to my permanent dispatchers Annette Hershkowitz and Kathy Leonard for making it possible.

I'd like to express my thanks to Kurt Vetter for filling in during the summer and keeping Sally company. Company 8 ALS members Joey Denmark , Michelle miller, Chris fisher, Chris Evers and yes... Gibblets thanks for making the shifts you ride on ALS , it's important.

My gratitude to Dominic Heavey as he's has been my right hand on site assistant. His dedication to being there has made company 4 such a success .

Best wishes to Beatrice Maldonado and Claudy on the new arrival of their son Adrian. Good luck to Jeanette Russell Meredith Borg and Pat Stanton who recently enrolled in an EMT course.

On October 3rd. We were dispatched to a call for an unconscious at the post office downtown. Upon arrival the crew came upon CPR in progress by SCPD . We immediately took over patient care. It was a 51 y/o male witnessed arrest who presented in V Fib . ALS was initiated and the patient received three shocks and ROSC was achieved ! Thanks to both swift action and proficiency of care given by this crew, the patient is alive today . Time frame... 17 minutes at ER. What a fantastic Pre hospital save! Dominic, Keith, Rich Rudolph, Paul Rittenhouse, Paul Kelly, Tiffany white and Lori Bennett , and anyone I might have missed my apologies.

I am proud of company 4 members as you have made this day a success. We're able to run 2 ambulances throughout most of the day and this is with ALS coverage. Everyone has been compliment with their checkouts and you all work well together. Company 4 has been a cohesive company which is demonstrated through our work .

To my broken providers: Gerardo Vasquez, Maryanne Schramm

, Plz get better and come back!

Everyone stay safe and enjoy the holidays, look after each other,

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan

No report submitted.

Friday Co. 5 – Kurt Vetter (as posted)

Congratulations to Kristen Schwartz – Perkins and Loreley Villamide-Herrera on passing ambulance orientation.

Welcome to Mindy Scalzetti who has transferred to the 1500 shift from Saturdays. Mindy is currently ACLing.

Welcome back to Rich Gerbolini who has come back after a knee replacement looking trim and ready to appear on dancing with the stars.

We can always use extra help in trying to maintain two crews on every shift and all are welcome to come in at any time.

We have had only 3 24s for the entire year so far and once again, I want to thank all of you who have gone the extra mile and done a fantastic job.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

A written report will follow. Mark thanked all the members including the on duty crews that came in to help out re: Sandy. He welcomed a new Saturday member Rachel Zarahn #1385.

Help is needed on most Saturday shifts. If you're able to come in and help, please do so. No one is ever turned away!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) – Andrea Golinsky

PulseCheck 2012 on October 12-14th was very well attended – the best in years probably because it was more downstate being held at the Crown Plaza in Suffern, NY. The seminars were excellent and one of the seminar coordinators, Dr. Michael McEvoy spoke at an International EMS conference in Austria in late October. As always the Memorial service was very somber and we remembered our pass members Sal Signorelli and Corey Taylor.

One of our members (Patty Salajka) and a member from CI Hauppauge were recipients of scholarships which were presented at the banquet on Saturday night.

The next District 7 meeting will take place next Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at Community Ambulance of Sayville – everyone is invited to attend.

Tomorrow morning will be the funeral services for Bernard Hershkowitz at 11AM – Class A Uniforms. Attendees are invited back to Annette's brother's house after the service. The Chief authorized two squad vehicles to be used. Annette will be sitting Shiva the rest of the week at her brother's house – details were emailed to everyone.

By-Laws Article X Section 4 Absentee Ballots – Secretary Bob Franz

Absentee ballots for the General Election may be obtained upon request from the Secretary, subsequent to the November Meeting. The Secretary will provide a ballot and an envelope clearly marked "Absentee Ballot" on the front. All ballots must be placed in an unmarked envelope then placed in the official envelope, sealed and signed at the appropriate line on the back of the envelope over the seal. These ballots may be returned personally to the Secretary prior to the day of the election, or if mailed, postmarked no later than ten days before the December 10th 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.

LOSAP 2012 Points – Bob Franz

The 2012 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. All review trainings must be completed & submitted by December 31, 2012 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2012.

LOSAP 2011 Benefit Statements - Bob Franz

The December 31, 2011 LOSAP benefit statements were distributed to all active member participants in your member mail folders and mailed to all other participants. Please review this statement carefully and if any of the information is incorrect, 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 Mary Brenner, Pete Nakelski and Clara Elliot for your continued assistance in distributing these statements. Thank you to Jim Mallilo for entering all the data during the year. If you have any other questions, please contact Bob Franz (robo4200@hotmail.com).

Suffolk REMSCO – Bob Franz

Meeting is tomorrow at 7PM at SC EMS Hauppauge.

Standby Committee – Donna Smith

During the month of October we did eleven (11) stand-bys, totaling 918 hours of assistance above and beyond our duty tours. This included the Fall Festival-which had the largest amount of member participation compared to prior years, Yaphank drills for HMFD, Fire Prevention Night for HFD, football games for St Anthony's HS, Marching Band Competition at Walt Whitman HS as well as their Homecoming, Kiwanis 10K run and the LOD Funeral.

Thank you to the following members(not inclusive of the Fall Festival) that helped out ; **John Maier, Chris Fischer, Carol Nucci, Captain Mark Cappola, Sue Otto, Claudia Femminella, Chief David Mohr, Liz Mohr, Tom O'Leary, Kurt Vetter, Paul Kelly, Captain Karen Martin, Fran Vesta, Captain Keith Rubenstein, Dale Bartolomeo, Dominic Heavey, Tim Quigley, Alyssa Axelrod, Keith Tetrault, Bedel Saget, Kyle Rudden, Vito Reciniello, Tyler Gibbs, Brian Canty, John Connors, Andrew Taylor, Melissa Anastos, Sheryl Roach, Donna Smith, Jeff O'Neill, Chief John Palmieri, Sally Staszak, Matt Valle, Andrew Campagnola, Patrick Stanton, Kathy Castillo, Miki Borg, and Laurie Hoffman.**

We will be continuing to post stand-bys via e-mail as well as posted in the ready room. Have your crews do stand-bys together for an afternoon/night of fun. If you are interested in helping and doing a stand by, please contact Donna Smith at 515-380-9093 or email her at tanna422@yahoo.com.

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804 If you are contacted regarding a stand by request or asked about one, please contact either Donna
805 Smith or Deputy Chief David Mohr with the information.

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807 **CME – Pam Brenner**

808 Pam mentioned the CME transition classes are being held at HCFAS. She emphasized that you
809 should sign up for the classes ASAP. New MOU for CME must be completed.

810 **Uniform Committee – Jerry Giacomini**

811 Jerry has several completed duty uniform orders for members that have not been picked up.

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813 **Post 215- Sheryl Roach**

814 The cancelled Pasta dinner for November 10 will be rescheduled for sometime in January.

815 The Explorer Post will help with the construction of the Gingerbread House and march in the
816 Holiday Parade.

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818 **Special Events Committee - Brian Canty**

819 Adult Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday December 15th – eligibility criteria to attend –

820 October FEMA reports will be entered shortly.

821 Children Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday December 8th.

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823 **Pulse – Patty Salajka**

824 Deadline is around the 25th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available
825 by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org. The November pulse will be in the mail shortly –
826 delay was due to lack of power and internet access.

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

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829 **Fund Drive – Pete Nakelski & Mary Brenner**

830 As of 9/5/2012 we have received in donations \$65,706.44. There were 1,916 contributors.

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832 **Old business:**

833 None

834 **New business:**

- 835 ▪ Claudy Grimadeau spoke about an issue during and after the Hurricane Sandy.
836 ▪ David Mohr responded to Claudy's remarks.
837 ▪ Keith Davis spoke about the squad's purchase of a new TV – he will be in charge
838 of installing.

839 **Closing:**

840 Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

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842 **Thank you to those who have helped:** Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr,
843 Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Tom O'Leary, Carol Nucci, Claire Tesoriero, Greg Orr, Andrew
844 Taylor.

845 Setup Committee; Roger Winter, Mary Winter, Brian Canty

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Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Thanksgiving Holiday Basket – Tyler Gibbs
2. Thanksgiving Holiday Basket – Casey Orr
3. Thanksgiving Holiday Basket – Kurt Vetter
4. Thanksgiving Holiday Basket – Loreley Villamide-Herrera
5. Thanksgiving Holiday Basket – Juan Flores
6. Thanksgiving Holiday Basket – Chris Roulo
7. Flower Arrangement – Michelle Miller
8. Flower Arrangement – Diane Tanko

Motion by Joanne Vogel and seconded by Cindy Cairl to adjourn the meeting at 2115 hours.
Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: November 25, 2012

Approved: December 10, 2012

By-Laws Proposed Amendment 03-2012 and 04-2012 and SOP 03-2012

The proposed By-Laws amendment 03-2012 was read for the 2nd time, discussed and voted upon (Passed) and proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2012 was read for the first time and proposed SOP change 03-2012 was read and discussed.

**Proposed By-Law Change
03-2012**

Proposal:

To require a consensus vote on proposed changes to the SOP, requiring the Board of Directors to take up the issue within 30 days and requiring the Secretary to publish the results within 10 days.

Background/Justification:

The current SOP change rules require an SOP be brought to the membership for comment but not for a membership vote. Some people are uncomfortable speaking at the meetings, and many feel there is no reason to speak if their point of view has already been verbalized. The actual majority opinion of the membership is left up to interpretation as to how many members are in favor of or against a specific SOP proposal. This change leaves the authority to pass an SOP change with the Board of Directors; however, this will allow the Board members to be clear on how the members feel about the issue.

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

Article XI, SECTION 2 - STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

This Article establishes the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) as an operational document of the Corporation. The operational aspects of the functions of the Corporation shall be the body of

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Standard Operating Procedures. These rules and regulations shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors. The Uniform Code shall be considered a part of the Standard Operating Procedure. Any changes to the Standard Operating Procedures will be submitted to the By-Law Committee Chair person for review. The By-Law Committee Chair will provide a copy to the PULSE editor for publication in the next issue and they will be read (for comment) and voted on for a consensus of membership opinion only at a the General Membership Meeting following the PULSE publication prior to being approved by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall take up the matter no later than 30 days following the General Membership Meeting, and, the Secretary shall see that the results of the vote and if applicable the new/changed SOP is distributed to the membership by email and updated on the website within 10 days of the Board's vote. The Standard Operating Procedures shall govern all aspect of the operations, except when superseded by the By-Laws of the Corporation.

Proposers

Martha Brenner #236 /s/

Tom O'Leary #1187 /s/

Kurt Vetter #1161 /s/

First Reading: July 9, 2012

Second Reading: November 12, 2012

Vote: **Pass:** Yes Vote 58, No Vote 12 (2/3 Majority Vote needed or 47 votes).

Proposed By-Law Change 04-2012

Proposal:

To remove the American Red Cross Advanced First Aid Card and the American Red Cross Emergency Response Card as they no longer exist.

Background/Justification:

To remove certifications that no longer exist.

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

Article I, Section 3 - Definitions

b) "Properly certified per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws" means: possessing a valid ~~American Red Cross Advanced First Aid Card and an American Red Cross or American Heart Association BLS CPR Card, or an American Red Cross Responding to Emergencies Card and a BLS CPR Card, or a New York State Certified First Responder Card and BLS CPR Card, or an American Red Cross~~

928 ~~Emergency Response Card and BLS CPR Card~~, or a New York State Emergency Medical
929 Technician (Basic) or higher certification.
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Proposers

Brian Canty #757 /s/ _____

John Palmieri #499 /s/ _____

Tim Ebert #1184 /s/ _____

Readings

First Reading Date: November 12, 2012

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Proposed SOP Change 03-2012

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937 **Proposal:**

938 To institute a confidentiality policy in accordance with New York State law.

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940 **Background/Justification:**

941 To localize the New York State laws on confidentiality to the Squad so all members are aware of
942 the requirements.

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

945 Add – Article X, Section 5 – Patient Confidentiality Policy

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947 **A. Purpose**

948 The New York State Department of Health, in accordance with State and Federal Laws, ensures
949 that all health care providers protect the confidentiality of those patients for whom they are
950 caring. It is the responsibility of each EMS provider to maintain the confidentiality of privileged
951 information that they may have been exposed to in the course of their duties as a health care
952 provider. All Members of Huntington Community First Aid Squad and any associated entities
953 must be aware of their individual responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of all patients'
954 identity and Protected Health Information (PHI). PHI is any information gathered pertaining to
955 an individual's past, present, and future health. This includes all verbal, written or electronically
956 produced information. All patient information is privileged and confidential. This information is
957 not to be discussed outside of the treatment of the patient or the operational evaluation.

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959 **B. Laws and Regulations:**

960 The New York State (NYS) Public Health Law (PHL) Article 30, section 3006 and Title
961 10NYCRR Part 800.15 require any information that may disclose patient identity to be
962 kept confidential.

1. § 3006. Quality Improvement Program.

“The information required to be collected and maintained, including information from the pre-hospital care reporting system which identifies an individual, shall be kept confidential and shall not be released except to the department or pursuant to section three thousand four of this article.”

“Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, none of the records, documentation, or committee actions or records required pursuant to this section shall be subject to disclosure under article six of the public officers law or article thirty-one of the civil practice law and rules, except as hereinafter provided or as provided in any other provision of law. No person in attendance at a meeting of any such committee shall be required to testify as to what transpired. The prohibition related to disclosure of testimony shall not apply to the statements made by any person in attendance at such a meeting who is a party to an action or proceeding the subject of which was reviewed at the meeting. The prohibition of disclosure of information from the pre-hospital care reporting system shall not apply to information which does not identify a particular ambulance service or individual.”

“Any person who in good faith and without malice provides information to further the purpose of this section or who, in good faith and without malice, participates on the quality improvement committee shall not be subject to any action for civil damages or other relief as a result of such activity.”

2. Title 10NYCRR Part 800; section 800.15 REQUIRED CONDUCT:

Every person certified at any level pursuant to these regulations shall:

At all times maintain the confidentiality of information about the names, treatment, and conditions of patients treated except:

- a. A pre-hospital care report shall be completed for each patient treated when acting as part of an organized pre-hospital emergency medical service, and a copy shall be provided to the hospital receiving the patient and to the authorized agent of the department for use in the State’s quality assurance program;
- b. To the extent necessary and authorized by the patient or his or her representative in order to collect insurance payments due;
- c. To the extent otherwise authorized by law;

C. Policy

Patient information may be shared with other health care professionals who will have a role in the patient’s care or in quality improvement. It is appropriate to turn over information about the patient to the nurse, physician, or patient registration at the receiving hospital. This is necessary for continuity in patient care.

1. You may **look** at a person’s PHI only if you need it to do your job.
2. You may **use** a person’s PHI only if you need it to do your job.
3. You may **give** a person’s PHI to others when it is necessary for them to do their jobs.
4. You may **talk** to others about a person’s PHI only if it is necessary to do your job.

The Squad retains strict requirements on the security, access, disclosure and use of PHI. Numerous threats to patient confidentiality exist in the routine of prehospital care. In a very short time, pre-hospital care providers become privileged to sensitive information. Indiscriminate discussion or inappropriate release of the information could present both ethical and legal threats. All information which is encountered by pre-hospital personnel must be considered privileged and treated as confidential. Information should be communicated only to those who are assuming direct care of the patient and who have similar obligations of confidentiality. The only information which should be discussed over the radio is that which is necessary to provide for optimal care of the patient. Casual conversations should be avoided with parties uninvolved in the care of patients. Discussion of cases which do not identify the patient and are used for educational purposes present no ethical conflict. Clear policy and appropriate education are important to promote the highest standards of prehospital care.

PCR's or any information that may identify a patient may not be taken home or distributed from home. PCR's that need to be faxed to Hospitals or Medical control must be faxed from HCFAS.

PCR's or anything that has identifiable information on it may be reproduced for training purposes only if all Identifiable information is removed.

D. The Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 2003 (HIPAA):

The squad is subject to the Privacy Rule when any patient health information is transmitted in electronic form in connection with the HIPAA transactions or another entity transmits this health information on their behalf.

Organizations governed under HIPAA must

1. Ensure vendors are prepared to deliver applications that support electronic data interchange and security requirements.
2. Hold accountable those business partners (vendors and others) who use or access patient-identifiable information.
3. Partner with local business partners (health plans and providers) and clearinghouses to effectively implement electronic data interchange transaction standards.

E. Procedure for requesting Information

Patient information may NOT be disclosed based on verbal permission, nor should information be disclosed over the telephone. If someone requests information about a call or patient all members are asked to get the name and contact information of the person requesting the information and put it in the Chiefs' and President's mailbox. Any reporters or members of the media that request information should leave their contact information and have that information put in the public relations officers mailbox.

F. Photography / Video

Any photograph or video containing individual identifiable information must be protected in the same manner as Patient Care Reports, PHI, and other such documentation. This includes photos of the patient, PCR's, driver's licenses, DNR's, MOLST forms, etc. If it can identify the patient in any way it is forbidden.

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Taking photos inside a patient's home, inside an ambulance occupied by a patient, or inside an emergency room is strictly prohibited.

Keep in mind that any photographs taken during the scope of duty may be subpoenaed in the event of a medical negligence lawsuit. That could be beneficial or harmful to the squad, depending on the photos and what occurred at the scene. Photographs can help you prove that you provided good care, or they can be used against you to document negligence.

Amend Article X, Section 1 – Purchasing Policy, Paragraph A (9) – Suppliers

The list of Current Suppliers identifies those suppliers who are approved by the squad. This list should be used as a guideline for the purchase of goods and services by the squad. New suppliers can be recommended for addition to the list by the individual granted Purchase Authorization for that category of goods or services. The new suppliers name, address, phone number, and point of contact should be given to the Treasurer in advance of the purchase. This will enable the Treasurer to complete and issue a Tax-Exempt Certificate, ~~and~~ respond to any credit approval request and have the Confidentiality Form completed if necessary. Additions should be based upon (1) lower price, (2) improved services and/or (3) improved quality. Deletions can be made for cause.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
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Date: December 10, 2012

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Bernard Poole	PRESENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Paul Biersack	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	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 Kurt Vetter	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet & eligible members in the room (79 eligible 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

- Honorary Member, Jean Giacomini, wife of Jerry Giacomini # 349 is hospitalized again after a fall earlier. She is expected to be home later and start the recovery process. Prayers, calls, get well wishes are welcomed.

We Mourn the loss of: It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of:

- Retired member, Past President Reeve Conover father passed away recently. He was retired Member Ex Chief Mary Conover's father in law.

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- William “Bill” Martin #1063 who has passed away on Thursday, November 29, 2012. Daughters-in-Law Susan Martin #1057 (Husband Bill HFD), Karen Martin #1118 (Husband Kevin HFD)
- Frank Parizzi Father-in-Law of Paul Rittenhouse #1146
- Charles Beach #1378 husband of member Elizabeth Beach #1377. Services are posted on the board and have been e-mailed to the membership.

Congratulation on a Wedding:

- Congratulations to Matt Gershuny #1367 on his recent marriage.

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.

Longevity Awards – President Winter & Chief John Palmieri

- Sue Manning – 30 years of Service
- Mary Brenner – 35 years of Service
- Mary Winter – 35 Years of Service

30 Years of Service

Susan Manning # 666

Life Member

Crewleader

ALS Provider

Nurse at Huntington Hospital

Has won NYSVA&RA EMS Nurse award

QA/QI Committee

First Aid Supply

Thank you for your 30 years of outstanding service to HCFAS

35 Years of Service

Mary Brenner # 487

Life member

Crew leader

Captain Co. 2

Administrative member now

Fund Drive co-Chair

Explore Post 215 Advisor

Alternate Site HCFAS Temporary Headquarters

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92 Public Relations (YMCA)
93 Craft Fair Committee
94 Ambulance Orientation
95 Uniform Code
96 Parade Protocols
97 Funeral Protocols
98 First Aid Supply
99 Dispatch Trainer – that first class is the most extensive of all, a complete education of
100 dispatching and what to expect at HCFAS as a new member.
101 Thank you for your 35 years of outstanding service to HCFAS.
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103 **Mary Winter # 485**

104 Life Member
105 Crewleader
106 Driver
107 Suffolk County EMT instructor – 20 years
108 AHA CPR Instructor
109 Secretary to the Board of Directors
110 New Building Design
111 New Building Dedication
112 Computer committee
113 Social Committee
114 PULSE
115 Coffee
116 Maintenance
117 Driver Trainer
118 Membership
119 Dispatch Training
120 Review Training
121 Ambulance Orientation
122 Remarks by John Palmieri
123 Thank you for your 35 years of outstanding service to HCFAS
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126 **Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by John Palmieri to change the order of the**
127 **meeting for the results of the 2013 election; special election, if needed, second reading and**
128 **vote on the proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2012 and the first reading on proposed By-**
129 **Laws amendment 02-2012.**

130 **Unanimous**

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132 **The proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2012 was read for the second reading by David**
133 **Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee, discussed and voted upon. See the end of**
134 **minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment.**

135 Amendment would remove certifications that no longer exist.

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137 Secretary Franz conducted a roll call and ballots were distributed.

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Ballot vote results: 89 votes cast. Yes -79 votes, No - 8 votes, Abstain 2.

Amendment Passed (2/3 Majority of all eligible voting members present needed or 60 yes votes).

Motion by Jerry Giacomini and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to destroy the ballots.

Unanimous

The proposed By-Laws amendment 02-2012 was read for the first reading by David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee. See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment.

Amendment would remove required EMT certification to be a driver and insert a required RTE certification in its place.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Tom O'Leary and seconded by Jerry Giacomini to accept the November 12, 2012 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: Debra E. Conte for use of facilities between wake times for her late husband Assemblyman James Conte; for services rendered: Judith Kearney, Gertrude Horan and Gail Culleton; from members: Monique Moreno (\$50 donation), Millie Gabriel and Annette Hershkowitz; for a stand by: The Townwide Fund of Huntington; from New York Organ Donor Network for a squad donation made in memory of Assemblyman James Conte.

Bob thanked his fellow board member Lehti Laas for doing all the board minutes for the past year (approximately 24 sets of minutes – 2 per month) and keeping track of member's LOAs on a spreadsheet for the board.

Bob thanked Clara Elliot for preparing all the required letters to members after each board meeting for LOA, RTD, Off Probation, Resignations etc.

Bob thanked Annette Hershkowitz for supervising the election and her committee below for all their preparation and hard work to have the election run so smoothly. Election, Dues Collection, installation dinner invitation & holiday gift card: Clara Elliot, Pete Nakelski, Eileen Burns, Kathy Leonard, Mary Jane Woznick, Rich Gierbolini, Ken Manning, Ed Billia & Margaret Cornelius. Vote Counters: Sally Staszak, Pete Nakelski, Joanne Vogel and Chris Roulo.

President's Report Roger Winter (Continued)

1. I would like to thank The Board of Directors and Chief John Palmieri and the Officer Corps for their outstanding work this past year. It was successful both at the Board level and on the Operational Officer level. Thank you for a successful year of dedicated service.
2. Thank you Trish Reciniello and Sue Otto for conducting the Children's Holiday Party, it was a outstanding success. Sugar Bees was the entertainment group and

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provided, games, holiday candy construction projects. Phi Orlando was Santa again and was terrific.

Board Actions as of November 29, 2012

- NYSVA&RA 2012-2013 annual squad report & dues
- NYSVA&RA 2012-2013 Individual dues
- Snow Removal Contract
- Member attendance at the Adult Holiday Party
- Operational Officers plaque like awards 2012
- Explorer Post Laser Tag/Dodgeball Outing
- AED Donation to Eaton's Neck Fire Department
- **20 Year Exempt Status**
 - Michael Barker # 862 (3/26/1992)
 - Thomas Curry #833 (12/3/1990)
 - Joseph Denimarck #883 (11/2/1992)
 - Kathleen Leonard #860 (3/26/1992)
 - Bernard Poole #872 (4/30/1992)
 - Allison Russo #884 (11/2/1992)
 - Claire Tesoriero #811 (2/19/1990)
 - Mary Beth Kraese #873 (4/30/1992)
- Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP) Class
- Reimbursement for Lehti Laas, Christine Roulo and Don Roulo, Pulse Check 2012
- Computer Purchase for Internal Bulletin Boards
- Sale of 2-15-17 to Bellmore Merrick EMS

Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

No report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

“The time has come, the Walrus said...” And the days of my tenure as Chief are winding down. It has been both a pleasure and a schooling experience. Many people, who have held this post, have told me the best thing about being Chief, is being an Ex-Chief. I can agree, with a caveat: Being the Chief has enabled me to come into contact with so many more members and to be involved in so many different facets of the organization. I have had the great privilege to work with many dedicated members in a variety of positions. I believe that all successes that the Squad attained during my two years, was the direct result of the work of the Chief Officers and Captains that you elected. I was very fortunate to be able to lean on first Chris Winter and then, David Mohr, as First Deputy Chiefs. That position entails so much work that it becomes a full time job, and they excelled there. We have initiated many new medical devices and protocols and Michelle Miller and Tim Ebert have guided us through the new initiatives as Second Deputy Chiefs. Our Third Deputy Chiefs, first David Mohr and then Paul Biersack, have been kept busy

with floods and disasters and vehicle problems, but our rigs are on the road and the building is standing and warm. And Chief Dispatcher Jim Mallilo has overseen new directives implemented from the County with regard to radios and procedures.

But most of all, I would like to thank all the members who have shown up to do shifts and stand by and who quietly ride and serve. It is you who have made HCFAS the premier organization that it is. Thank you for allowing me to lead you for the past two years.

Longevity Awards: I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

- Gina Angevine – 10 years of Service
- Keith Davis – 5 Years of Service

“Outback EMS Provider” for the month – Patty Salajka

First Deputy Chief’s Report – David Mohr

~ I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season

~ Please remember that emergencies don’t take vacations, so please keep pagers on and if you are available, please let the dispatcher know.

Second Deputy Chief’s Report – Tim Ebert

1. Thank you to Pam Brenner for all her work on the CME committee. She was forgotten in my Pulse report.

2. The Power stretcher is on the first due ambulance. The spare battery is outside the dispatch office. please remember to check the battery at the beginning of your shift. You will have about two calls left when the battery light goes red.

3. The new AED's are here and will be put on the ambulance after the AED committee feels comfortable downloading the data. We are hoping for the end of the month or early January.

Third Deputy Chief’s Report – Paul Biersack (as posted)

BUILDING

- **FLOOD**

- On December 7th, our HQ suffered from at least one interior flood. The initial report came from Chief Palmieri around noon for a leak in the ceiling above the 2nd Floor Ladies Room. He was able to shut off the water to that part of the ceiling. Our plumber and HVAC contractors were called, both responded promptly and both agreed that a heating coil (for the HVAC system) had broken. At some point later in the afternoon, massive flooding was observed in the Fund Drive Room though the source of the water is currently unknown. The water leaked into the 2nd floor hallways, through to the 1st Floor ALS and BLS Closets,

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the doorway by the Laundry Room and eventually parts of the 1st Floor Ladies Room. Around 7pm, I discovered that water had found its way to the Alarm Room in the basement. Bernard Poole arranged to have mitigation services performed to dry and clean up all exposed parts of the building. Traditional Air returned Friday to replace the broken heating coil and today, they performed additional work to repair or reinforce other parts of the HVAC system connected to that portion of the building. Given the damage that occurred and the additional work performed this morning, I requested they return to inspect the heating coils in all parts of the building to get ahead of any additional damages that may occur for similar reasons. At this time, drying of the building is wrapping up and damages tallied so that we can move forward with repair efforts. If anyone has noted damage around the building as a result of this flooding, please submit them to the "Third Deputy Chief" mailbox so they can be considered for repair or included in the insurance assessment. Thank you! *Work in progress*

- Truck Room
 - North Bay 1 – Reported broken on December 6th, would not go up from wall or console. Called TM Kenney who agreed to send their Electrician out for wiring issues. Called Dispatch to confirm pending repair and found out that motor would spin but not open the door. Called TM Kenney back and corrected complaint. They sent Mechanic instead of the Electrician and door is repaired.
- Ready Room
 - Ready Room recliners have been assessed for damage and a list of replacement parts generated. La-Z-Boy Repairman completed repairs for all 8 recliners on December 3.
- ClinicalClean sanitizing system reportedly empty. Verified CO2 tanks empty. ClinclClean has completed refill and maintenance of sanitizing system.
- HVAC
 - Thermostat in Bunk Room is broken. Need to verify thermostat repair. *Pending*
 - Thermostat in General Meeting Room reading low voltage. Reported to Traditional Air and they diagnosed 2 bad pilot assemblies. Thermostat and both pilot assemblies replaced.
- Upstairs Kitchen
 - Inspection and maintenance of range guard fire suppression system completed.
- 1st Floor Ladies Room
 - Light bulb out over the shower. *Pending*
- Light bulbs replaced in various parts of building.

VEHICLES

- Weekly maintenance and inspections continue as scheduled for all vehicles.
- Preventative maintenance completed on 18, 19, 20 and 81.
- New York State Safety Inspection completed on 18 and 88.
- Unit 16
 - Problem reported with vehicle not accelerating properly beyond 30MPH. Road test confirmed problem. While idling during road test, heard noise under chassis and saw "Check Engine" indicator light up. Called Ace Auto and the Mechanic

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- 320 analyzed the computer to determined lack of boost pressure and possible turbo
321 failure. Need to verify drive train under warranty and schedule maintenance with
322 Ford Service Department. *Work in progress*
- 323 ○ Vehicle damage sustained to right rear wheel flare. Damage appears superficial so
324 Rich Stone has asked Ace Auto to order necessary parts for repair in house. Ace
325 has parts on order and will install upon delivery. *Pending*
 - 326 • Unit 17
 - 327 ○ Has been placed in rotation as permanent last due.
 - 328 • Unit 19
 - 329 ○ Missing rubber piece has been replaced on siren in front grill.
 - 330 ○ Pneumatic arm on O2 door was too short for stair chair to be removed from
331 compartment. Saturday Captain removed pneumatic arm and new one provided
332 and installed by Ace Auto.
 - 333 ○ Pram mount reported broken inside ambulance. MedPro completed repair.
 - 334 ○ Vehicle involved in a collision on November 10th with damage to passenger side
335 mirror. A new mirror was ordered from Wheeled Coach and installed by Ace
336 Auto.
 - 337 ○ 2 new tires installed on November 26th.
 - 338 • Unit 20
 - 339 ○ New front brake pads installed.
 - 340 ○ 3 new tires installed on December 1st.
 - 341 • Unit 21
 - 342 ○ Missing a 3 point harness for one of the rear seats. New harness on order. *Work in*
343 *progress*
 - 344 ○ Handheld spotlight was missing the trigger button and was irreparable. New
345 spotlight installed.
 - 346 ○ Right rear lower corner of the ambulance has sustained superficial damage. Will
347 have Proliner repair diagnose when they look at charging problem noted below.
348 *Pending*
 - 349 ○ Charging problem reported. This ambulance will be going out to Proliner for
350 diagnosis this week.
 - 351 • Unit 80
 - 352 ○ Temperature controlled cabinet was reportedly removed from the vehicle during
353 Winter Storm Athena. I have reinstalled the cabinet and returned the Stokes
354 basket to the Disaster Closet.
 - 355 ○ 1 new tires installed on October 17th.
 - 356 • Unit 82
 - 357 ○ Vehicle involved in a collision on November 3rd. Damage in excess of \$10,000.
358 Vehicle towed from scene by Ace Auto and is currently out to Pro-liner for repair
359 work. *UPDATE – Collision repairs are nearing completion and vehicle expected*
360 *to be ready later December 10th. Bernard Poole will be taking 21 out to Medford*
361 *on December 11th and will bring 82 back at that time.*
 - 362 • Unit 89
 - 363 ○ Chip in the front windshield. Account created with Safelite Auto Glass for repair.
364 *Work in progress*

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- Striping on front passenger side fender is missing. Pro-liner will restripe this fender when they have need to swap vehicles next. *Pending*

Thank you to Brian Canty and Bernard Poole for covering building and vehicle related issues while I was out of town for Thanksgiving.

REMINDERS

Please remember to call me at 631-793-0702 (the “Third Deputy” cell phone) for all urgent problems in the building and at any time a vehicle is taken out of service! If I am unable to answer, please leave a voicemail and I will follow up as soon as possible. For non-critical issues, please submit a maintenance form to the Third Deputy mailbox so that I may complete the repair and follow up if necessary.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

No report submitted.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain’s Report – Keith Rubenstein

No Report submitted.

Monday Co. 2 Captain’s Report – Karen Martin

Well here we are, the Holiday Season has begun, let the “Hustle and Bustle” begin..... This is a time of year to look back and reflect at what we are truly thankful for. I have been so fortunate to have been able to hold the position of Monday Day Captain and I have really have enjoyed it. I have continued to meet so many great people that go out of their ways to help their community. I have been blessed with crew members that are dedicated to coming in each and every week for their shift....sometimes not even getting a moment to take a deep breath.

I was humbled by the amount of people that came to help out for Super Storm Sandy (which happened to start on a Monday). We all worked long and hard but we also managed to have some good laughs as well. I cannot say thank you enough to each and every one of you. Over 36 hours and we had a total of 71 people.....Amazing!!!

Congratulations to Matt Gershuny #1367 on his wedding November 17, 2012. It was a beautiful, crisp fall day.

Continued good luck to George Reeder #1328 with his driver training. I don’t know how he does it all.....drivers training, baby on the way and EMT refresher all at one time. Cannot wait till you can get back to our shift. Let us know what you want for dinner.

I want to thank everyone for their support and kind words after the passing of my Father-in law, member, Bill Martin #1063. He will be terribly missed by many people and I was very lucky to be on the same shift with him for many years. We had some fun times

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406 The holidays are literally just around the corner, please let me know ahead of time if you will not
407 be able to come in for your shift. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both fall on Mondays so of
408 course there will be food. Come join the fun, the more help the merrier. Last year was a very
409 busy on New Year's so extra crews would be great. Let me know if you want to come in and
410 have some fun!!!

411 I wish everyone and their families Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!!!

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

413 I would like to thank all the on duty crews for their hard work and making Tuesdays a great day.
414 Thanks to Sally Staszak, Kurt Vetter and Kyle Rudden for continuing to come in all year even
415 though this is not your primary shift. Thanks to all the people for coming in to do back up calls.

416 Good wishes to Tom D'Antonio and Liz Steenson for speedy recoveries and Happy Holidays to
417 all.

418 I can use a First Aider on the 1500 hour shift and a 2nd duty crew 0700-1100 hour shift.

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420 With Christmas and New Years Day falling on Tuesday this year – Any Help will be greatly
421 appreciated.

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

425 No report submitted.

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

428 No report submitted.

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430 **Friday Co. 5 – Kurt Vetter (as posted)**

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432 Just a short note to express my appreciation and respect for all of the members of Co. 6 and to all
433 of those others who filled in, did backups and helped out. It has been a pleasure and in fact an
434 honor to be your Day Captain. Not many can say that they have a great family but I am blessed
435 with having an extended one as I consider all of you part of mine. This has been an outstanding
436 year and all of you should be very proud in having obtained the results that you have.

437 For personal reasons, I will not be running again for captain but will be just as active as always
438 and still feel privileged to work with all of you. I am sure that whoever becomes your new
439 captain will also receive your continued cooperation and the same dedication that I experienced.
440 I wish all of you a very happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

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442 **Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola**

443 As I'm writing this report for the December GMM, Thanksgiving has just passed. It seems
444 appropriate, therefore, that I should take pause to consider those things I am grateful for and to
445 express my thanks accordingly.

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It's hard to believe that the year is nearly over. I can easily recall putting together the first crew roster for January. In the months since, I've almost got it figured out (except for "Paul or Karen". I'll never get that one straight!)

The rest has been pretty routine. And that is where my thanks begin:

Thanks to my family first and foremost, they've allowed me to spend a little less time at home on Saturdays and more time at the squad. It is their support and understanding that has lessened the pressure to try to be two places at once.

Thanks to the Chief Officers, John, Dave, Tim, Paul and Jim. Their hard work at the top has made my job easier.

Thanks to all the members at HCFAS, and a special thanks to those who do the jobs we all want to have done, but not necessarily by us: Donna and her Standby Committee, Patty and the PULSE, Chris and all her data entry, Gerry the ultimate uniform committee man, and everyone else who works behind the scenes.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who rides on Saturday "The Magnificent Sevens" and the Company 8 people who fill in the gaps for us. Your continued commitment to coming in every weekend cannot be more appreciated. You just continue to step up to the plate and "get it done"! I am honored and humbled to be your Captain and I serve you with great pride.

Despite any trepidation I may have had as the year began, I can honestly say that this past year has been a pleasure. I have enjoyed being around for each shift and seeing you all on Saturday's (maybe not so much the overnight, I need my beauty rest). I am forever grateful for your support, confidence and most of all, your friendship.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) – Andrea Golinsky

No report.

LOSAP 2012 Points – Bob Franz

The 2012 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. All review trainings must be completed & submitted by December 31, 2012 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2012.

Standby Committee – Donna Smith

During the month of November we did five (5) stand-bys, totaling 72 hours of assistance above and beyond our duty tours. This included the Turkey Trot, Yaphank drills for HMFD, Eatons Neck FD so their members could honor their fallen member, football games for St Anthony's HS, and the Holiday Parade.

Thank you to the following members that helped out ; **Captain Karen Martin, Captain Keith Rubenstein, Tom O'Leary, Kurt Vetter, Paul Kelly, Dominic Heavey, Kyle Rudden, Sheryl**

490 **Roach, Kathy Castillo, Meridith Borg(Miki), Michelle Miller, Bedel Saget, Hugh O'Brien,**
491 **Laurie Hoffman, Patrick Stanton, and Matt Valle.**

492 We will be continuing to post stand-bys via e-mail as well as posted in the ready room. Have
493 your crews do stand-bys together for a afternoon/night of fun. If you are interested in helping and
494 doing a stand by, please contact Donna Smith at 515-380-9093 or email her at
495 tanna422@yahoo.com.

496 If you are contacted regarding a stand by request or asked about one, please contact either Donna
497 Smith or Deputy Chief David Mohr with the information.

498 **CME – Pam Brenner**

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500 I would like to thank Tim Ebert for his continuous support and guidance over the last two years,
501 it has been a pleasure working with you.

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503 For the members I have a present. Since there is always confusion about non core CMEs I am
504 providing a breakdown of all of the different categories for each area. The sheet is double sided
505 and provides information for both EMT-Bs and ALS providers.

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507 **Uniform Committee – Jerry Giacomini**
508 Jerry has several completed duty uniform orders for members that have not been picked up.

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510 **Post 215- Sheryl Roach**

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512 Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the GMM tonight.

- 513 • 18 Post members participated in the Huntington Holiday Parade in November
514 • We will be joining GFD for their holiday party at Lazerland on December 26th
515 • The Pasta Dinner Fundraiser has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 12th 5:30-
516 7:00pm.
517 • Please see Sheryl Roach or Jeannette Russell to purchase tickets!

518 **Special Events Committee - Brian Canty**

519 Adult Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday December 15th.

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521 **Pulse – Patty Salajka**

522 Deadline is around the 25th of each month (psalajka27@optimum.net). No more mailings of the
523 PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org. The November pulse will
524 be in the mail shortly – delay was due to lack of power and internet access.

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

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Fund Drive – Pete Nakelski & Mary Brenner

The third wave was mailed at the end of November. As of 9/5/2012 we have received in donations \$65,706.44. There were 1,916 contributors. The fund drive room has water damage and will be up and running this week.

Driver Training - Vito Reciniello

We have several members in the driver training program but none have fully completed the process. I will be calling each member to determine their progress.

Old business:

Thank you Keith Davis for arranging for the installation the new Flat Screen TV in the ready room.

New business:

None

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Tom O’Leary, Carol Nucci, Claire Tesoriero, Greg Orr, Andrew Taylor.

Setup Committee; Roger Winter, Mary Winter, Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Pindar Pathagoras Red Table Wine (VSS) – Tom O’Leary
2. Pindar Autumn Gold (VSS) – Orlando Salcedo
3. Redwood Creek Pinot Noir (Ann Schwartz) - Israel Cortes
4. \$15 iTunes Gift Card – Ona Mastroianni
5. Poinsettia Plant – Ken Manning
6. Poinsettia Plant – Peggy Coyle
7. Poinsettia Plant – Fran Vasta
8. Poinsettia Plant – Jeff Brenner

Election Results:

Sally Staszak reported that the election votes were tabulated and presented the results to Secretary Franz who read the results as follows:

291 Eligible Voters.

209 Total Votes cast at the general election.

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Board of Directors: four (4)

125 Jeffrey O'Neill

101 Richard Stone

98 Joseph Denimarck

91 Lehti Laas

77 Alyssa Axelrod

143 Thomas O'Leary

80 Andrea Golinsky

Chief: one (1)

116 Martha Brenner

74 David Mohr

1st Deputy Chief: one (1)

180 Tim Ebert

2nd Deputy Chief: one (1)

109 Dominic Heavey

82 Thomas Lemp

3rd Deputy Chief: one (1)

153 Vito Reciniello

Chief Dispatcher: one (1)

103 Patricia Tufo

94 Tyler Gibbs

Day Captain: seven (7)

173 Gregory Orr

155 Kathleen Castillo

156 Kyle Rudden

173 Mark Cappola

154 Karen Martin

149 Keith Rubenstein

132 Alison Russo

87 James Mallilo

Minor Write Ins are not included.

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Joanne Vogel to destroy the ballots.

Unanimous

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Pam Brenner to adjourn the meeting at 2045 hours.

Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: December 18, 2012

Approved: January 14, 2013

By-Laws Proposed Amendment 04-2012 and 02-2012.

The proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2012 was read for the 2nd time, discussed and voted upon (Passed) and proposed By-Laws amendment 02-2012 was read for the first time.

**Proposed By-Law Change
04-2012**

Proposal:

To remove the American Red Cross Advanced First Aid Card and the American Red Cross Emergency Response Card as they no longer exist.

Background/Justification:

To remove certifications that no longer exist.

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

Article I, Section 3 - Definitions

b) "Properly certified per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws" means: possessing a valid ~~American Red Cross Advanced First Aid Card and an American Red Cross or American Heart Association BLS CPR Card, or an American Red Cross Responding to Emergencies Card and a BLS CPR Card, or a New York State Certified First Responder Card and BLS CPR Card, or an American Red Cross Emergency Response Card and BLS CPR Card,~~ or a New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) or higher certification.

Proposers

Brian Canty #757 /s/

John Palmieri #499 /s/

Tim Ebert #1184 /s/

Readings

First Reading Date: November 12, 2012

Second Reading Date: December 10, 2012

Ballot vote results: 89 votes cast. Yes -79 votes, No - 8 votes, Abstain 2.

Amendment Passed (2/3 Majority of all eligible voting members present needed or 60 yes votes).

**Proposed By-Law Change
02-2012**

Proposal:

To allow members with an RTE certification to become Drivers.

Background/Justification:

NYS only requires one EMT to be on an ambulance. Having an EMT Driver does not help the patient. RTE First Aiders are required to be able to treat a patient by themselves and be able to assist and EMT. So mandating a member be an EMT to drive only decrease the pool of individuals available to get an ambulance to respond to a call.

Change (additions are 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), and a valid ~~New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic)~~ Responding to Emergency's (RTE) 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.
2. Any current driver whose RTE ~~EMT~~ or higher certification has expired but is currently enrolled in an RTE ~~EMT~~ or higher refresher course shall have 90 days from the expiration of his RTE ~~EMT~~ or higher certification to receive his new certification before he losses 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.~~

His duties shall be to transport the crew and vehicle to the scene of the emergency safely. He will remain with the emergency vehicle at the scene, unless directed otherwise by the Crewleader or officer in charge. He will safely transport the injured to the place he is directed.

Drivers, when returning to headquarters, or when not on emergency call, shall observe posted speed limits and all traffic regulations.

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Proposers

John Palmieri #499 /s/ _____

Tim Ebert #1184 /s/ _____

Mark Cappola #1087 /s/ _____

Readings

First Reading Date: December 10, 2012 _____

Second Reading Date: _____

Vote

Yes: _____

No: _____

Secretary Signature: _____

Date: _____

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