

Huntington Community First Aid Squad

2017 General Membership Meeting

Date: January 9, 2017

President John Palmieri	PRESENT
Vice President Seth Fischer	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Keith Tamayo	ABSENT
Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Richard Stone	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Casey Orr	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Mohr	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Matthew Valle	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Manuel Aviles	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Patrick Donegan	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain David Kaufman	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Ann Donegan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Campagnola	PRESENT

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

President John Palmieri had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way, all HCFAS Members and for all the victims of the tragic Fort Lauderdale Airport shooting and their families.

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

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

Gloria O'Brien Grandmother of Sara Manning and Mother of former member Kenneth Manning and ex Mother-in-Law of Susan Manning.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service)

President Palmieri made a Presentation to Member Mark Brenner for his forty (40) Years of Service and to Robin Smiles for her twenty (20) years of service. Members With 15 and 5 years of service were recognized by Chief Orr.

40 Years of Service

Mark Brenner #449

20 Years of Service

Robin Smiles #937

15 Years of Service

Tony Cruz #1043

5 Years of Service

Maria Valentin #1355

Kristin VanBenschoten 1356

**Standard Operational Procedure (SOP) Changes #10-2016, #11-2016 and #12-2016
Read by David Mohr - Chairman of the SOP Committee: for comment.**

Proposed SOP Change #10-2016:

Background/Justification:

To make technical corrections.

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

Article VII - Problems En Route, Section 1 - Mechanical Problems:

If you are experiencing mechanical problems with the ambulance on a call, notify the Dispatcher to have another ambulance respond ~~respond another rig~~. Have the Dispatcher notify the Day Captain and the Third Deputy Chief.

Section 3 - Accidents in Squad Owned Vehicles:

2. While En Route to Hospital with Patient in the Ambulance.
 - A. Call police to the scene of the accident.
 - B. Notify Squad Dispatcher and Squad Chief.

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C. If only minor property damage is involved and the ambulance is still operable, leave one crew member at the scene with the registration and insurance ID card, explaining to the other party that you're ~~you~~ are on an emergency run, then proceed to the hospital continuing to give patient first aid. At the completion of the call, return to the scene of the accident to give police the necessary details.

Discussion – Consensus Vote – Membership in favor.

Proposed SOP Change #11-2016:

Update Article VIII

Background/Justification:

To update to current standards and practices.

Change (additions are underlined and deletions are stricken):

Article VIII – Paperwork

ALL paperwork must be legible and filled out properly. The following forms are used by HCFAS. Refer to attached samples.

Section 1 - Dispatcher's Responsibility:

1. Alarm Work Sheet – in the case of printer failure it is to be filled out as completely as possible. The most important information is the telephone number.

2. Message Forms - for internal Squad use only. Dispatcher is responsible for filling in time and date message was received. All messages for Officers, members of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen should be put in their respective boxes. If there is an Important Message, the Dispatcher should attempt to contact the Day Captain immediately.

~~3. Multiple Call Sheet – This form is for the convenience of the Dispatcher as it enables the Dispatcher to record all information when handling multiple calls. Information recorded on this sheet is later transferred to the FCC log book. It is preferred that this sheet be used for all calls.~~

4. Prehospital Care Reports (PCR) - Dispatcher should check PCR for completeness and place the form in the appropriate box in the Dispatch Office.

~~5. Transport Requests – To be filled in in duplicate. 48 hour notice preferred. These forms are used for non-emergency transports only. All requests should be referred to the Transport Chairperson. If a requestor calls to cancel a transport, the Chairperson should be notified.~~

~~6. Standby Request Form – Minimum 72 hours advance notice preferred. The information should be filled in and the form submitted to the Standby Chairperson. The Standby Chairperson will submit the request to the Chief and President for approval (especially for those standby's requested for out of the district).~~

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Section 2 - Crewleader's Responsibility:

1. Ambulance Checkout - It is the Crewleader's responsibility to supervise ambulance checkout.
2. ~~Clean House - This form is to be filled in by the relieving Crewleader if he finds anything in violation of clean house rules. The form should be filled out only if, after talking to the Crewleader on the previous duty tour, the violation is not rectified.~~
3. Prehospital Care Reports - The Crewleader is responsible for completing the form prior to leaving the hospital. The following information should be included in the PCR ~~listed under "comments"~~
 - A. Any Squad member, police, Fire Department or person assisting the crew at the scene (first aid, lifting, etc.).
 - B. Any medication, prior history, etc. Any information given by the patient or by-standers should be prefaced by "patient stated" or "by-stander stated" (e.g., Patient stated she slipped on wet floor - not Patient slipped on wet floor). Comments should be kept brief and pertinent to the care of the patient.
 - C. Make sure that a patient refusing medical treatment and transport signs the PCR and that the signature is witnessed, preferably by a Police Officer.
4. Probationary Member Evaluation Form Probationary Forms Observer/Aide - Forms are to be filled out intelligently. The comment section should be completed. The form should be returned to the member, read and initialed by the member and put in the appropriate Day Captain's box.

Section 4 - General Paperwork:

1. Duty Tour Change Requests - ~~Self-explanatory.~~ If you are in need of a shift change, fill out this form. One copy is retained by the member, one copy for the First Deputy, one copy for the Day Captain, and one copy for the Schedule Coordinator.
2. Leave of Absence Form - These forms are found in the file cabinet outside of the Dispatch Office. They are to be filled out in triplicate. The form goes first to the Day Captain, then to the First Deputy, and then to the Secretary. The Secretary of the Board of Directors will advise the member if the leave of absence has been granted.

Discussion – Consensus Vote – Membership in favor.

Proposed SOP Change #12-2016

Proposal:

To change the eligibility age limit from twelve to ten.

Background/Justification:

The committee made this change several years ago.

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

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Article IX, Section 1

5. Squad Children's Holiday Party

A. The following rules apply for gift eligibility at the end-of-year holiday party for children.

i. Squad members may bring their children ~~ten~~ twelve years of age and under or siblings ~~ten~~ twelve years of age and under, to the holiday party. The eligible child must be present to receive a gift.

ii. Those Squad members without children in 5 (A)(i) above are entitled to bring their grandchildren, or great-grandchildren, or nieces and nephews ~~ten~~ twelve years of age or under at the cost of the gift.

Discussion – Consensus Vote – Membership in favor.

Secretary's Report

Robert Franz

Motion by Fiona Witkowski and seconded by Nancy Barker to approve the December 12, 2016 General Membership Meeting Minutes.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence: Services Rendered: The Sebastian Family; Good & Welfare: Danielle Pagliarilo for thoughts, prayers and contributions in memory of her son Dylan; Margaret Cornelius for flowers; Scholarship: Peter Magerle; Contribution: The Schneiders – Thank You for keeping us Safe in 2016 and the best for the New Year. As always all correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

The 2017 Corporate Officers Elected at the Board of Directors Meeting December 15, 2016:

President	John Palmieri
Vice-President	Seth Fischer
Treasurer	Brian Canty
Secretary	Bob Franz

President's Report

John Palmieri

Here we are in 2017 and it is déjà vu all over again. Just like 2016 we are starting the year without a contract with the Huntington Community Ambulance District. The Deputy Supervisor Pat Del Col, stated that the town attorneys are working on the language to control the flow of billing money that we are all hoping appears soon. We were told that they are finalizing the contract language for CVAC first because that is a more involved contract with two municipalities involved. So, I cannot give you any sense of a timeframe for the meager amount that we will be receiving from the Town.

I can report that we sent almost 700 PCR's for October and November to our billing company, PAB to begin the process. Those 700 PCR's were the ones that had the possibility of being viable billing accounts. Out of that amount only about 285 were able to be further processed

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because some were illegible and others had not enough patient information to retrieve insurance information and others had no signed forms. We have been told by PAB that Decembers PCR's are a vast improvement although there is still a great deal of improvement required.

We are still 3 to 4 weeks away from obtaining our Medicare account number so that we can bill those persons with that insurance. Once we have that number we can apply for a Medicaid number so that we can bill the government for those that have no insurance. Probably not until June but we hope to see the money start to trickle in soon and by April have a steady stream.

We had our first 2017 BOD meeting last Thursday and welcomed Ann, Keith and Roger into the Badlands. Rich already knows what lies ahead. I have redone the committee list for 2017 and there were some changes. It will be posted so if you have questions or want to join a committee please let me or the Board liaison know. Thanks and remember the mileage and patient billing information.

Questions: Billing to members of Service and will unpaid bills affect their credit Rating report.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty

Financial Review YTD 1/1/16 – 12/31/16

HCAD – Town Tax Money

Income - \$1,585,014

Expenses - \$1,682,358

Major Expenses

Payroll	\$62,271
EMS Supplies	\$89,416
Vehicles	\$244,655
Building	\$95,626
Utilities	\$66,766
Communications	\$32,267
Profess Fee's	\$61,032
Insurance	\$242,546
Office	\$26,151
Uniforms	\$32,426
Members Inspection	\$44,958
Training	\$24,588
Public Relations	\$6,216
Subsistence	\$38,095
Bond Interest	\$585,823
Other Expenses	\$29,522
Totals-Expenses	\$1,682,358

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HCFAS – Squad Money

Income – Fund Drive \$86,044 and Misc. Donations/Interest \$71,240 = \$157,284

Expenses \$116,604

Expenses

Professional Fee's	\$28,186
Insurance	\$11,730
Office	\$275
Public Relations	\$545
Fund Drive	\$11,955
Social	\$28,953
Other Expenses	\$31,960
Scholarship	\$3,000

Totals-Expenses

\$116,604

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Casey Orr

- 2016 call statistics:
 - 6151 runs
 - 76 24's
 - 1.24 % mutual aid rate
 - Averaging 16.8 runs per day
- Chief's Order 01-2017 went out on January 3rd regarding finger reader changes
- SCPD recruits coming January 16-20
- Length of Service
 - Kristin VanBenschoten 5 years
 - Maria Valentin 5 years
 - Tony Cruz 15 years
- Please be extra careful at the intersection of Railroad & New York Avenue. Take an extra few seconds and look around before proceeding since the last 3 accidents have occurred at this location
- E-PCR
 - Only a few more classes will be added
 - Waiting on interface to be completed with SCM & AmbuPro
- Pulse – Anyone interested in taking it over?

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First Deputy Chief's Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Absent - Report Posted

First off, thank you to the membership for this opportunity to serve as your First Deputy Chief. I truly appreciate it.

As I am sure Casey has said from now on any finger reader adjustments must be signed off the Captain of the day and then the form will be forwarded to me after for adjustment. I will be posting shifts and hours quarterly on the board downstairs. As well as that with the new SOP regarding hours the letters will be sent out within the next week. Please remember you can make up your hours by coming in early, staying late or doing another shift. If you find any problems with your finger reader adjustments please reach out to me by email at first.deputy@gmail.com. Thank you again and I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Matthew Valle – Report Posted

I would like to take this moment to thank everyone for your support as I ran for Second Deputy. This opportunity means a lot to me and I am looking forward to serve our organization.

First, please be advised that this month's review training (Personal and Scene Safety) has been released. This is important in which it recognizes the need for Situational Awareness. I urge all members to stay on top of their review trainings. As you complete your CME'S, the review trainings will help accomplish a portion of non-core credits.

Second, I would like to thank both Tyler Gibbs and Jack Kovalsky for their assistance this past week and weekend. Tyler assessed our AED's to update the inventory and determined any deficiencies. Jack coordinated assessing spare suction units in which he accomplished determining their needs and adding the functioning units back into our lineup. Great work by both!

Moving forward, I am always open on ideas with new review trainings and other training initiatives. We have a lot to offer in our organizations and these news ideas will help us keep progressing in the world of EMS and strong patient outcomes.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Keith Rubenstein – Absent - Report Posted

Thank you Jeff for such a smooth transition and a year of hard work. 2-15-21 will be going to the body shop to have the step repaired everything else is in service. I will be working with Jeff to finish the dispatch office renovations that he started. I am looking forward to a great year serving you as Third Deputy Chief. Any questions or problems with the building please e-mail me. Thank you everyone who came out during the snowstorm on Saturday.

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Manuel Aviles – Report Posted

December Stats (2016)

Alarms.....6151
Signal 24's.....73

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January Stats (January 1, 2017- January 08, 2017)

Alarms.....129 as of 14:04 PM

Signal 24's.....0 (percentage is 0)

Signal 24 break down by Day of Week as of January 11, 2017

Sunday.....0 (YTD)

Monday.....0 (YTD)

Tuesday.....0 (YTD)

Wednesday.....0 (YTD)

Thursday..... 0 (YTD)

Friday..... 0 (YTD)

Saturday.....0 (YTD)

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Patrick Donegan – Report Posted

New Members

- Jaclyn Rittershaus #1498 - Sunday 1500
- Lauren Connolly #1503 - Sunday 1500

Advancements/Status Changes

- Maria Aviles ACL → CL

Shift Changes

- Bedel Saget → 2300 → Company 8

Help Needed:

- Need help on Sunday overnight

Issues on Sunday

- A crew for the overnight is increasingly hard to establish. I will be reaching out to the recruitment committee to attempt to steer people towards the 2300.
- Help is always needed on the overnight Sundays.

Notable Call/shift

- Sunday 1100 on 1/1/2017 had a Delta stabbing excellent job by all.

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

I would like to thank all the members who put their trust in me with your votes. I look forward to this New Year with a positive attitude always and to all the changes that are coming our way.

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Status Changes - Will Cohn passed dispatch and ambulance orientation he should be in the ACL program soon.

Shift Changes- Anthony Cambareri #1467 (CL) Friday 0700 to Monday 0700 24's - None

If anyone is available to come in we could use help with second due crews on the 1100, 1500 and 1900 shifts. If you can't come in and are willing to listen up that would be appreciated. Please let me know. You can always reach me via text for any reason.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

I am excited to work with all officers and members this coming year. Tuesday 1100 has a new member Joanne Peters who is already an EMT-CC. Thanks to those who helped cover the 1100 shift this past week (Tom O'Leary, Andrew Giusto, Tom Lemp, and 1st Deputy Chief Liz Mohr).

Help is needed:

First and second due driver on the 1100-1500 shift.

Second crew for the 2300-0700.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent- Report Posted

I can't express how excited I am to be the Wednesday captain! Thank you again to all those who voted for me! While I will not be able to make most general membership meetings in the next few months due to work I will give weekly reports, ensure any highlights are read and will be available for officer and BOD meetings and of course to support Company 4 and HCFAS as a whole!

For my Wednesday members: I am available via phone/e-mail 7 days a week. If you ever need anything at all please let me know. I am huge on communication so if any of you have any trouble with finding coverage for shifts, know ahead of time vacation dates, sick, have family emergencies or have any questions at all please do not hesitate to call/text/email.

Also just as a warning I am known for my weekly e-mails; either to point out accomplishments for members/shifts, to communicate help we made need weekly or notable calls!

This past week was insane! We had 20 calls throughout the day, 7 of which were in a one hour period during the 1100 shift! Great Job everyone! No 24's as of now for Wednesdays! Keep it up!

The following is needed for this Wednesday 1/11/17:

0700: 1st and 2nd due CL, ALS

1100: 2nd due CL, ALS

2300: Dispatcher, ALS

Call/text/e-mail with availability*

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Ann Donegan – Report Posted

So far this year the Thursday crews have managed to go almost one year without a 24. The last 24 on Thursday was on 01/28/16. I hope I do not jinx us when I cross my fingers and hope that we can make it three more weeks.

Thursday crews and the members that help us fill our calls are an amazing bunch. They go out of their way to cover calls and help those in our community.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. This year is going to be a challenging one but we are up to the challenge. Thank you again for all who go the extra mile. You are all the best of the best. Here's to a great year ahead.

Friday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – Report Posted

Happy New Year! I want to thank all who supported and voted for me to serve as your captain for another year. Thank you to all the Company 6 members and those help out through the year. I want to give a shout out to my 0700 shift. I offered to get replacement crews for the Friday after Kurt Vetter passed. They told me they wanted to do their shift and that's how Kurt would have wanted it. I know that shift will never be the same with Kurt but we will continue to remember him! Please make sure you have your review training and checkouts done. We're going to have another great year.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report– Andrew Campagnola – Report Posted

I'd like to start by saying congratulations everyone for a very successful 1st Saturday. Our department started the first Saturday of the year off with a bang. We had our first snowstorm of the year and our member turnout was strong. With 18 calls recorded, 5 of them within an hour. We held the district down with zero 24's. This successful day would not have been possible without the dedicated members that show up for their shift week after week and answer up for backups. Everyone should pat themselves on the back for a job well done. As Captain, I am just about always available to answer any type of communication towards me. I strive to answer within a few hours but usually will answer instantly. If anyone ever wants to ride for even a few hours on a Saturday please feel free to come down.

Thanks again for a great start to this year let's keep up this pace and continue this trend to the rest of the Saturday's this year!

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Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYSVARA District 7 Delegate Report - Andrea Golinsky

Individual dues has been paid by HCFAS for its membership. There are still glitches in the system and the Association is working to correct them. All our members should have received an email notification that their dues is paid.

There was no meeting in Dec. The next District 7 meeting will be held January 17th at Community Ambulance of Sayville. Dinner served at 7:30 meeting at 8 PM. Plans are being made to participate in the EMS Mega show which will once again be held at SCCC in February.

Renaissance Downtowns – Andrea Golinsky

The Town of Huntington has been approving permits for the construction of stores with apartments above at the New York Avenue/ Northridge site. Requests for Proposals are being accepted. The community benefit agreement with Renaissance Downtowns stipulates the 25% of contractors/workers should be local. Shovels in the ground are expected to begin soon.

The next project on the agenda would be the stores and apartments on New York Ave and Olive St. There are still some issues to be settled. The hotel/office building project to be build next to our building at the parking lot is still a work in progress. The DOT has not deeded the strip of property to the town as yet.

Suffolk REMSCO – Next meeting is tomorrow Tuesday January 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM at SCEMS in Yaphank.

SCACA- Next meeting is on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7:30 PM at Medford Volunteer Ambulance.

LOSAP 2016 Points – Bob Franz

The 2016 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 by February 4, 2017. All review trainings had to be completed & submitted by December 31, 2016 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2016.

10 % Property Tax Exemption – Bob Franz

The filing deadline with the Town of Huntington Assessor is Wednesday March 1, 2017 for property tax year 12/01/17 to 11/30/18. Members who are currently receiving the 5 year or 20 year tax exemption will be re-certified by the Squad by the deadline date. Current recipients who moved or sold their home prior to March 1, 2017, please drop a note with your detail information in Bob Franz's mailbox. If you moved and purchased another home, you must fill out a new application form for your new residence.

Members who will be eligible for the first time (achieved at least 5 years or more of service by 3/1/17 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/17), please complete an application form and

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place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday, February 10, 2017. To be eligible your name or your name and your spouse's name must be on the property deed, the property must be your prime residence and be in the Town of Huntington and you must have 5 years of active squad service by March 1, 2017.

For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2017, the property can be located anywhere in Suffolk County (Call Bob Franz at 631- 421-9121 or email robo4200@hotmail.com for specific details).

Note for members currently receiving the property tax exemption: If you do not want the Squad to renew your property tax exemption on 3/1/17 because you intend to take the \$200.00 NYS income tax credit for calendar year 2017 please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 10th.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Credit for 2016 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2016 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.

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

The 2016 SERVES Administrative Guide is posted on the bulletin board. Highlights of the SERVES program follow.

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

- SERVES provides student-volunteers who attend any NYS DOE college or university located within Suffolk County with a reimbursement based upon tuition costs at Suffolk County Community College- i.e. as of November 2016 the maximum payment for a 12 plus credit schedule (full-time status) with a GPA of 3.75 to 4.00 or an "A" would be \$2,385.

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

- The number of credits supported by the program; full or part time; covers a Bachelor's Degree or up to 120 credits.

- The Deadline for application and documentation submission for the Spring Semester is February 1, 2017. Applications shall be date stamped upon receipt and the earliest dated applications shall be reviewed first as SERVES funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first served basis.

- For more information about SERVES go to www.suffolksbravest.com/pdf/currentSERVESguide.pdf.

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

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Explorer Post – Susanna Otto – The Explorer Post will be hosting a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, January 21, 2017 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM.

Pulse – Casey Orr – All reports and articles are due on the 25th of the month.

Special Events – Brian Canty – Please get all the Installation Dinner responses in on time. Table assignment sheets will be posted downstairs on the bulletin board.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski – Total Donations collected in 2016 was \$85,994.00.

Hands Only CPR – Kathleen Castillo – There will be a meeting next month. An e-mail containing all the details will be sent out to the members.

Old Business: None

New Business: Christine and Donald Ruolo Collected \$600.00 for Toys for Tots. Chris thanked everyone for their generosity. The Donations were given to the Marines located in Farmingdale who will be giving the proceeds to Ronald McDonald House for Children with cancer.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Greg Orr, Angie Kalodukas, Dale Bartolomeo, Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts

- **Pino Grigio Wine** – Christine Russo Tedone
- **Box of Chocolates** – Samantha Mohr
- **PF Chang's Gift Card** – Mary Jane Woznick
- **Chianti Wine** – Katherine Donegan
- **Box of Chocolates** – Angie Kalodukas
- **Lowe's Gift Card** – Andrew Campagnola
- **Target Gift Card** – Lauren Aviles
- **Basket of Goodies** – David Mohr
- **Panera Bread Gift Card** – Robin Smiles
- **Tower of Treats** – Tyler Gibbs
- **Basket of Goodies** – William Connolly
- **Basket of Goodies** – Jonathan Stone
- **Omaha Italian Meatballs** – Joanne Peters
- **Omaha Beef Burgers** – Tony Cruz
- **Omaha Chicken Breasts** – Casey Stone

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- 595 ○ **Omaha Kielbasa** – Ferd Neumann
- 596 ○ **Omaha Potatoes** – Joshua Berman
- 597 ○ **Omaha Beef Tenderloins** – Richard Gierbolini
- 598 ○ **Omaha Caramel Apple Tartlets** – Roger Winter

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601 Motion by Jeffrey Brenner and seconded by Ferd Neumann to adjourn the meeting
602 at 2050 hours.

603 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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605 **Members in Attendance:** Eligible members 65, probationary 5, Total: 70

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609 Respectfully Submitted,

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611 ***Christine A. Tedone***

612 Recording Secretary

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614 ***Robert J. Franz***

615 Secretary

616 Draft posted: January 27, 2017

617 Approved: February 13, 2017

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Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

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Presidents Report

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Get Well Wishes and Prayers:

- Get Well Wishes and Prayers are being sent to Phil Orlando

Congratulations:

- Best Wishes to Mary and Roger Winter on their 50 Years of Marriage

Special Presentation to Thursday Day Captain Ann Donegan for Zero 24s for One Year

President Palmieri made a Presentation to Member Ann Donegan for over one Year of No 24's on Thursday. President Palmieri presented Ann with Flowers, a Gift Card and The Squad will provide a meal for her Members on Thursday.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – Chief will announce on her report (5-15 Years)

President Palmieri made a presentation and congratulated Dr. Lehti Laas for her Twenty (20) years of Service to HCFAS.

20 Years of Service

Lehti Laas #938

5 Years of Service

Jeffrey Daniels #1358

Jeannette Russell #1359

Secretary's Report

Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to approve the January 9, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence received: Letter from inactive life member Bruce Blower (& Doris) updating us on Bruce's recovery progress, inactive life member Felicia Kelsey sharing some memories with us and a Thank you from Ex-Chief Mark Brenner thanking us for his forty year longevity gift. We also received a \$1,500.00 Memorial donation on the passing of Huntington resident Harriet Berliner.

Approved SOP Change: - Secretary Bob Franz

SOP changes 10-2016, 11-2016 and 12-2016 were discussed at the meeting and subsequently amended and approved by the Board of Directors at their January 19, 2017 meeting. Copies are posted on the bulletin board.

President's Report

John Palmieri

President Palmieri spoke about billing and answered questions presented by various members. He said we have billed approximately \$100,000 to date and we have received \$27,000 thus far.

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He also discussed that FDNY just increased their fees after five years and we already charge that for starting rates.

Samantha Mohr asked what was the latest on EMT's having to provide their Social Security numbers on PCR's? Chief Orr will find out more information and send out an e-mail to everyone.

Tyler Gibbs asked if an ALS Assessment is billable as ALS? John will ask the billing company.

Board of Directors actions:

- Motion to Hire a DJ for the Installation Dinner
- Motion to Dispose of Obsolete Helmet ID Tags
- Motion to Provide Refreshments for Super Bowl
- Motion to Approve HCFAS Participation in Parades
- Motion to approve an Outstanding Member Awards
- Motion to approve a HCAD Letter of Credit

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – No Report

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Casey Orr - Report Posted

- Crews are consistently NOT doing checkouts:

Please remember to do your checkouts. The Captains have been given a list of the crews that are constantly not doing them and will be monitored over the next month to see any changes.

- **Member of the Month Awards**

January - Alyssa Axelrod, Bob Biersack, Andrew Giusto, Hank Waldron, Sara Manning, Jonathan Menard, Laura Treulich and Sheryl Burke.

February - Maria Aviles, Gary Brandel, Tom Lemp, Cindy Cairl, Fiona Witkowski, Alison Aievoli, Pam Best, and Tim Quigley.

- **5,10,15 Year Pins**
- **THURSDAY HAS BEEN 24 FREE FOR A WHOLE YEAR!!!!**
- **Tuesday overnight Crew delivered a healthy Baby Girl on January 25th**
 - Tyler Gibbs, Ferd Neumann, Doug Mayer, Sean Harkins, Brian Cordes, MaryJane Woznick, Todd Atkin
 - Baby Delivered: 0118 AM on 01/25/2017

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- **Cardiac Arrest Save – 1/27/17**

- Friday 1900 had a cardiac arrest save on January 27th. The call originally came in as an unconscious female in her 30's and was then upgraded to a cardiac arrest by Medcom. Crew members got on scene and started CPR and we had a paramedic intercept by Dix Hills FD. The crew was able to get a pulse back on scene and transported with the DHFD medic to Huntington Hospital.

- Crew – Matt Valle, Alison Alveoli, Kathy Castillo, Tommy Romano, Mike Campanelli, Jon Menard, Jack Kovalsky and Josh Berman.

- **Obtaining Insurance Information from the Hospital:**

Effective Saturday, January 28th, Huntington Hospital is switching to a new EMR system. This system allows them to print an "EMS Billing Sheet," which is what we will need to obtain if we unable to get the insurance information from the patient. We will no longer be going to registrar; you will go to the **unit secretary** for this information.

- **Crew Leader signature on PCR's**

- Until we go live with E-PCR's, **Crew Leaders** need to sign below their EMT number so we can bill for Medicare. There will be a note in dispatch to remind all dispatchers to ensure that there is a signature on the PCR.
- Over the next few days, some members will need to read and sign a form from the billing company, PAB, which acknowledges your treatment of a Medicare patient since we are now allowed to **BACK BILL**. (Jamie, John, or an Officer will be going through the PCRs we can back bill for and sit down with some members to go over the form) The only information that you will need to fill out on this form is your certification level (EMT-B, EMT-CC, or EMT-P), the date, and your signature; **NO OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON THE FORM**. Your PCR will be attached to the form so you can see what it is that you are acknowledging. Again, this will not be for every call or for every member. This **ONLY** applies to Medicare calls that have been given back to us so we can submit them for billing.

- Thank you to all of the members who came out to Kurt Vetter's memorial 2 weekends ago; approximately 30-40 members came and showed their support for the Vetter family. A special thank you to Paul Kelly who got up and shared some kind words about Kurt and his time here at HCFAS.
- Thank you to the crews that transported two of our members last week for separate incidents.

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- **Hire a First Responder Website (Contractor, Painter, Plumber, etc.,)**
 - **Submit a Request**
 - It starts with a request from a consumer.
 - **We match you up with local contractor**
 - Based on your location and criteria we will match you up with a local contractor.
 - **They reach out to you directly**
 - All our first responders are licensed and bonded/insured
- **St. Patrick's Day Parade**
 - Sunday, March 12th. Sign-up sheet is located in the ready room
- **Finger reads**
 - Please remember to check your hours online when you go to the website. If you have any issues with the reads, please fill out the form as we are just about half way through the first quarter.

First Deputy Chief's Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Absent - Report Given by Chief Casey Orr

What a busy month! One snowstorm down and there's possibly more on the way. Thank you to everyone who came down and helped. Please remember to finger in and out for you shift, I have asked the captains to go through each of their days and look for mismatches, but it is ultimately the members responsibility. You can pull up your member report from the website. Information about it can be seen on the Chief's order.

Please remember to keep your certifications up to date. It is very important since we will be audited this year.

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Matthew Valle – Report Posted

Old Items:

- The Annual Mega Show is scheduled for this weekend. Please sign up in the ready room by this Wednesday if you are interested in attending.
- QA/QI Peer Review this past Monday was a success. Over 35 members attended. Thank you to our Medical Director Dr. Brandler for facilitating.

New Items:

- Trauma call review is scheduled for March 1ST. Please join us as this is a great learning opportunity.

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- February Review Training of BBP was published. Please ensure you have completed this review training as it is required.
- We recently had issues with two of our electric stretchers. The vendor came to resolve the issues and provided preventative maintenance.
- Our BLS 12 Lead Pilot Program application was recently accepted by county. Don Freed has taken the lead as the ALS representative and will be attending the in service class representing HCFAS.

As always, please feel free to reach me with any questions or concerns.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Keith Rubenstein – Absent - Report Given by Second Deputy Chief Matt Valle

Building The Dispatch Office has been measured for new blinds and they will be going up soon as well as new carpeting installed. The dryer vent will be looked at to be cleaned on Monday and will have an update on getting it back up and running as well as replacing the vent line. Two fans have been installed in the gym downstairs with timers they are in the back corners of the gym.

Vehicles:

2-15-89 keys have been found. Please remember to put the keys back after you use them in the proper place. I will be making copies of all the keys throughout the upcoming weeks and will be working with the security company for a key holder that you can use your key fob to get into it for tracking purposes. Please also remember if you damage a vehicle you have to report it please just don't leave it and not tell anyone this causes a huge headache to track down when the accident was and what was hit. Please report it right away!

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Manuel Aviles – Report Posted

January Stats (January 1, 2017- February 13, 2017)
Alarms..... 794 as 2/13/17

Signal 24's..... 7 (1.1%)
Duplicate calls.....9

Signal 24 breakdown by Day of Week as of February 11, 2017

Sunday.....0 (YTD)
Monday.....0 (YTD)
Tuesday.....3 (YTD)
Wednesday.....1 (YTD)
Thursday.....0 (YTD)
Friday.....3 (YTD)
Saturday.....0 (YTD)

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September 2017...0 October 2017...0 November 2017...0

December 2017...0

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Patrick Donegan – Absent – Report Given by Captain Andrew Campagnola

New members – Welcome Danielle Raynor #1509

Outstanding Call/Shift – Sunday 2300 had 5 calls in 2 hours all covered! Well done by all.

Issues on Tuesday- No CL or DR on 2300 Shift

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy – Absent – Report Given by Captain Andrew Campagnola

We are in the middle of February and still NO 24's!!! Besides the members on duty, I want to thank all who answer up to calls, you know who you are and I am so grateful to you. Last Monday we handled 9 calls in under 4 hours, coming in at 3 at a time. Today we were slammed again, I believe there were 5 calls during the 1100 shift.

Help needed: 0700, 1100 and 1500 could use a CL/DR, FA and ALS for 2nd due.

1900 needs a 2nd due CL. 2300 needs a dispatcher 2nd due DR, CL and FA.

I usually post my schedule Saturday or Sunday indicating where help is needed on the HCFAS private page on Facebook as well as hanging it in the ready room.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Congratulations to the Tuesday overnight crew (Doug Mayer, Ferd Neumann, Sean Harkins, Tyler Gibbs, Brian Cordes, Mary Jane Woznick, and Todd Atkin) who delivered a Baby Girl

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on 1/24/2017.

Sean Harkins advanced to First Aider. The January Outstanding Member was Andrew Giusto and the February Outstanding Member was Tom Lemp.

Thanks to those who continue to cover and answer up on the 1100 shift. (Jeff Brenner, Tom Lemp, Andrew Giusto, Tom O'Leary, Tom Shirripa, Fiona Witkowski, Jack Kovasky, Christian Lenio).

Thanks to Greg Orr, John Dominick, Mike Harlan and Carol Dia for helping on the overnight.

Help needed:

First and second due **Driver** on the **1100-1500** shift.

Second crew for the **2300-0700**.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent - Report Given by Chief Casey Orr

Wednesday's are doing fabulous! It is so amazing to watch these shifts week after week work so well together and support one another. Our new members are lucky to have you all as they will have to chance to be taught by some of the best. Keep up the hard work!

Please remember to do checkouts in the beginning of your shifts. It is important to ensure that you have all of the equipment you need to treat patients.

New Members: Alvaro Jaramillo (Disp TR) 0700 shift

Solange Rich (Disp TR) 1900 shift

Advancements: Gerardo Vasquez (FA) → ACL and DR TR

Gina Angevine has been approved for Dispatching only

Tiffany Williamson (FA) → ACL

Help Needed on Wednesdays: 0700-1100: 1st and 2nd due CL, ALS
1100-1500: 2nd due DR and CL, ALS
1500-1900: X
1900-2300: X
2300-0700: Permanent Dispatcher, ALS

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Ann Donegan – Report Posted

Welcome to my new members, Vanessa Cortez Hernandez on the 1100 and Joshua Abraham on the 2300!

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351 So we did it! Thursday has gone one full year without a 24! I want to thank all of my wonderful
352 Thursday people for everything they have done and currently do to make the day what it is. I also
353 want to thank all of the people who do double shifts and for all of you who fill in to cover.

354 We have a wonderful group of officers this year and let's all give the rest of the days help when
355 they need it so that we can keep our 24 rate the lowest it can be.

356 As you all know, EPCR's are coming soon. Please do not be afraid of them, all of the officers will
357 help you go over them so that you are comfortable.

358 As always, we are here to help our members new and old with any questions that they may have.
359 Thanks again for all you do to make this organization one we can all be proud of.

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361 **Friday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – Report Given by Captain**
362 **Andrew Campagnola**

363 Welcome Evelyn Cruise and Kasey Ryman to the 1500 shift. They have fit in well already and I
364 know they will be an asset to HCFAS.
365 Congratulations to the 1500 shift on a cardiac arrest/narcan save. We're waiting to verify that she
366 made a full recovery. Good job by the crew! Allison Aievoli, Jon Menard, Matte Valle, Seth
367 Fisher, Joshua Berman, Jim Mallilo and Casey Orr.
368 Feel free to come play on Fridays!!

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370 **Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report– Andrew Campagnola – Report Posted**
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372 So far this year, Saturday at HCFAS has been very busy. This is most definitely not a bad thing.
373 We've run over 100 calls this year so far, survived 2 snow storms, and hosted a bunch of training
374 classes. Being the only day of the week that is not, or directly before, a normal work day puts us
375 in a unique situation. We see members from all other days come by and we are also privileged to
376 a whole lot of functions that happen on the weekends.

377 While this is a benefit it is also hard for the members of the day that are scheduled to have the
378 freedom of the weekend that most others enjoy. When coverage is requested on Saturday it is
379 greatly appreciated by all so we can all enjoy a relaxing Saturday when needed.

380 I continue to thank all the members that come down for 1, 2 and 3 shifts per week. We really do
381 have a great time on Saturday. I would like to remind all members that your key fob opens the
382 doors every day of the week so always feel free to come down when for whatever reason you see
383 fit.

384 **Training**

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- We went over ePCR's 1 day this week and I am continuously going over it when requested.
 - Blood Born Pathogen is the review training for this month so please make sure we all get that done before the end of the February.
 - More hands on training will be scheduled but if anyone has anything specific they would like to review please bring it to my attention and we will design training around it.
 - Long Island EMS MEGA show is this weekend. It's always fun to see the different technology and training ideas that come from the show. If you have not been, I recommend.
- 0 24's so far. Let's keep it up.**

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYSVARA District 7 Delegate Report - Andrea Golinsky

I attended the Executive Board meeting this past Saturday. Rich Schor and Adrien Pezzica (AJ), members of Middle Island Fire Dept., were guests at the meeting. We were informed that the Membership Secretary Adam Shaver has resigned due to work overload and personal conflicts. His resignation was accepted. That made 3 positions open on the Board, Vice President, Secretary, and Membership Secretary. AJ expressed interest in taking on the responsibilities of Secretary, however it was pointed out that the position of Membership Secretary was a position that needed immediate attention. AJ said he would take on the responsibilities on Membership Secretary and was elected into that position. Rich Schor expressed an interest in the position of Vice-President but an objection was made that that would put 4 District 7 members on the Board. Rolly Churchill of Region 1 (via phone conference) said he had someone in his area that might be interested in the position. It was decided to wait and see if there is further interest before considering Rich for the position.

The dates for PulseCheck 2017 has been set, September 21st thru September 24th. The conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Albany, the same location as last year. Each squad will be asked to donate a gift basket with a value of \$25.00 to be raffled off. As an option, a squad may issue a check for \$25.00 and a basket will be made up for them. Further information regarding registration fees, journal ad prices, trophy donations etc. will be forthcoming soon. District 7 members will be at the New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association booth at the Mega Show Saturday and Sunday. Stop by and say hello if you go to the show. The next District 7 meeting will be held next Tuesday, February 21st at Wyandanch/Wheatley Heights Ambulance. Dinner served at 7:30 with meeting to follow.

Renaissance Downtowns - Andrea Golinsky

Renaissance Downtowns has broken ground on its first project. On New York Avenue at the corner of Northridge Street a mixed use building will be erected. There will be stores on the bottom and 2 stories of apartments (8 on each floor).

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The first retail tenant has been will be May's Gourmet Deli. She currently has a Deli on Jericho Turnpike and this will be her second location. It will be a "grab and go" store as any kind of cooking is not allowed at this location.

The Gateway project at New York Avenue and Olive Street is still a little behind Northridge but is continuing to move along with permits and planning.

Legislation – Andrea Golinsky

A message from County Executive Steve Bellone's office was read. It was a plea to sign a petition to keep in place the stricter rules governing sex offenders. The petition will be sent out to our members to sign if they choose.

NYS legislative bill S1114-A / A2962-A would amend the penal law, in relation to designating offenses against law enforcement officer, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel as Hate Crimes.

The next NYSVARA Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday May 7, 2017 with Legislative Day on Monday May 8, 2017.

LOSAP 2016 Points – Bob Franz

The 2016 Service Awards LOSAP State Report for Points posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. You must have at least 50 points in the total column and a Yes in the Pass column to qualify for a year of LOSAP credit for 2016. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. The final list will be sent to the Town of Huntington in March for Town Board approval.

10 % Property Tax Exemption – Bob Franz

The filing deadline with the Town of Huntington Assessor is Wednesday March 1, 2017 for property tax year 12/01/17 to 11/30/18. 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, 2017, 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 3/1/17 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/17), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 10, 2017. To be eligible, your name or your name and your spouse's name must be on the property deed, the property must be your prime residence and be in the Town of Huntington and you must have 5 years of active squad service by March 1, 2017. Proof of ownership such as a copy of your driver's license, marriage certificate must be attached to the completed application.

For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2017, the property can be located anywhere in Suffolk County (Call Bob Franz at 631 421-9121 or email robo4200@hotmail.com for specific details).

Note for members currently receiving the property tax exemption: If you do **not** want the Squad to renew your property tax exemption on 3/1/17 because you intend to take the \$200 NYS

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income tax credit for calendar year 2017, please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 10th.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' \$200 Refundable Credit for 2016 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2016 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.

SC FRES Recruitment Committee is meeting this Wednesday at SC FRES in Yaphank at 6:00 PM.

SCACA is meeting this Wednesday at Riverhead Volunteer Ambulance Corp. at 7:30 PM.

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

CME – Pamela Brenner – Eatons Neck Fire Department will be hosting Continuing Medical Education (CME) rapid classes in the coming months. See bulletin Board for more details.

Stand-By – Samantha Mohr – Check Bulletin Boards and e-mails sent.

Peer Review – Keith Davis/Fiona Witkowski – Next Meeting will be held on 3/1/17 at 7 PM

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

Special Events – Brian Canty – Explorer Post 215 Pasta Dinner raised approximately \$2,000.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski – Raised \$2,351.00 as of 2/9/17. First Wave of 2017 Fund Drive mailing will go out as of 3/10/17

50th Anniversary Committee – The HCFAS 50th Anniversary event will be held at the Cold Spring County Club. The Committee has lost another member and if anyone is interested in joining the committee, please see Martha Brenner or Board Liaison Richard Stone.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Tyler Gibbs asked about providing beer and wine at general membership meetings, the President took a consensus vote and only seven voted Yes and the rest of those in attendance voted No.

Lehti Laas asked for an Instagram and Twitter users to assist with Social Media postings. Sam Mohr indicated that she is taking care of Instagram.

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A request was made for any member with a drone that has a camera to please let Lehti know. Dale Bartolomeo has one and he will coordinate with Lehti.

A request for pictures of scenes (accidents, fires, etc.,) that are taken on public property with faces shown please send those in. Andrea Golinsky clarified that if pictures of Minors should not be taken without Parental consent or permission.

Also, notable calls need to be sent to the PIO with elaborate write ups to be sent out to the News Media. She referenced Baby Delivery two weeks ago. She received just a few sentences (good for a headline) and that was not sufficient enough to send out as a press release.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Claire Tesoriero, Greg Orr, Angie Kalodukas, Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack, Mary Winter

Raffles - Various Gifts

- **Outback Steakhouse Gift Card**– David Kaufman
- **Panera Bread Gift Card** – Dale Bartolomeo
- **Pino Grigio Wine** – Ann Donegan
- **Home Depot Gift Card**– Keith Davis
- **Chianti Wine** – Andy Ball
- **Lowe's Gift Card** – Ferd Neumann

Motion by Jeffrey Brenner and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to adjourn the meeting at 2035 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible members 51, probationary 5, Total: 56

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert L. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: February 28, 2017

Approved: March 13, 2017

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Officers:

President John Palmieri	PRESENT
Vice President Seth Fischer	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Keith Tamayo	ABSENT
Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Richard Stone	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Casey Orr	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Matthew Valle	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Manuel Aviles	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Patrick Donegan	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain David Kaufman	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Ann Donegan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Campagnola	PRESENT

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President John Palmieri that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 58).

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

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

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Longevity Awards (Length of Service)

President Palmieri made a Presentation to Member Paul Kelly #634 for his thirty-five (35) Years of Service to HCFAS. Paul was unable to attend the 3/4/17 Installation Dinner. Paul was presented with a Plaque.

25 Years of Service

Kathy Leonard #860

Joanne Vogel #861

Michael Barker #862

15 Years of Service

Tony Cruz

Secretary's Report

Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Richard Stone to approve the February 13, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence received: Letter from Inactive Life Member June Offerman; Thank yous for services rendered Grace Simmons, Rose Demant and Christine Young; Good & Welfare thank yous – Nedi Serrano, Jim Ingwersen and Mary Winter. We received a contribution from Travelers Insurance on behalf of their employee and our ex-chief Martha Brenner. We also received memorial donations of \$2,840 in memory of Kurt Vetter.

President's Report

John Palmieri

Motion to approve Post 215 to participate in a Color Vibe 5K Run

Motion to approve the Use of the General Meeting Room for Mark Brenner #499 for May 13, 2017

Motion to Hire a New Paramedic – Gregory Pierre

John spoke about Traveler's Insurance Company contribution.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – No Report

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Casey Orr - Present – Report Posted

- NYSVARA Scholarship application was sent out to the membership via email and placed downstairs on the main desk
- Paramedics: 2 new Paramedics have been hired. They are in the process of Orientation setup

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- Myself & Liz Mohr attended a community event at Huntington Hospital on March 1st – They are applying for their Magnet status and asked for us to speak about the relationship we have with them and their nursing staff.
- NYS Chief's presented us with an award for our 50th anniversary at Chief's Council
- Tracey Edwards Meeting – Liz and I attended a community workshop with Tracey Edwards about working together as a community. A follow up meeting is scheduled for March 29th

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

What a busy month! Another Snow Storm on the way. If anyone is available to help out please let the Captains know.

Please remember to finger in and out for you shift, I have asked the captains to go through each of their days and look for mismatches, but it is ultimately the Members responsibility. You can pull up your member report from the website. Information about it can be seen on the Chief's order. I am willing to run anyone's report and go over it with them at any point. The first quarter ends March 31st and members are supposed to have 48 hours by the end of the month.

Please remember to keep your certifications up to date. It is very important since we will be audited this year. If anyone had an updated Certification please put it in my mailbox and I will have it put into the SCM system.

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Matthew Valle – Absent - Report Given by Liz Mohr Updates:

- Trauma call review with Stony Brook University was a great success! Over 50 members in attendance with positive compliments.
- Two suction units were discovered with bad batteries. Replacement batteries were ordered.
- An updated checklist for our ambulances has been created. Please note the changes and provide any feedback.
- Blood-Borne Pathogens Review Training was released for February and the deadline for this mandatory review training is March 15th. **After March 15th, those members who have yet to complete it will lose their key access.**
- March Review Training (Chest Trauma: Assessment and Treatment) was published. Another important review training as it provides an in service of our new commercial chest seals.
- Physio LifePak 1000 AED were recalled due to an issue with the AED and the contact with the battery. Our Physio representative was contacted by the AED Committee and myself and we are strictly following his directions in which would prevent those issues that called for the recall. As per Physio, *"If the device powers off unexpectedly, either during inspection or during patient treatment, immediately remove and reinstall the existing battery to restore power to the device."* Additionally, please contact an Officer immediately if this occurred. Physio is also anticipating a complete hardware correction in the next upcoming months.

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As always, please feel free to reach me with any questions or concerns.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Keith Rubenstein – Absent - Report Posted

With the upcoming snow storm/blizzard I remind all the members to please dress warm and for drivers to use the high idle for the heat. The dryer hopefully will be fixed soon and thank you to Bernard for the new dispatch carpeting. It was nice seeing everyone that marched at the parade hope everyone warmed up. We will be providing rides for members for the snow storm and please drive careful in both the squad vehicles and your own.

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Manuel Aviles – Absent – No Report

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Patrick Donegan – Report Posted

-Help Needed on Sunday overnight, can also use extra crews on the 1900 Shift.

-Yesterday's Parade went very well and I'd like to thank everyone on a job well done.

-20 calls came in yesterday and 20 calls were covered.

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

Unfortunately, we were hit with 3 emergency calls within a 30 minute time frame this morning. We had to 24 a call, which we wound up taking back a minute later. This was a pediatric pt. having a severe allergic reaction. Our medic was first on scene and gave excellent pt. care. I'd like to congratulate Alicia Schroeder on passing her REMAC test. We now have an additional ALS provider on Monday's 1500. Alicia is also ACLing and driver training. Gary Brandel is another member who is ALS and a CL, he is also in driver training. Michele Marino is ACLing as well.

I am in need of 2nd due crews and ALS for most of my shifts. I post the schedule in the ready room and on our private FB page. I welcome all members to come help out on Mondays. Currently we are expecting over 2 feet of snow starting tonight. We have 2 full crews a 3rd due driver and our medic. If anyone wants to help out please do. Finally, I sincerely thank you all for going out of your way to answer up to calls and doing the right thing. Be safe tomorrow!!!!

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Great job to all Tuesday members. We have not had a 24 since mid January. Thanks again to all the people who continue to come in and stay extra.

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177 With the impending storm on Tuesday any help is appreciated. Rides will be provided. Contact
178 dispatch, Monday/Tuesday captains, or Chief.

179 The 0700 crew handled many calls with only one driver this past week thanks to their quick
180 turnarounds. There are no permanent drivers on the Tuesday 1100. Help is always needed. The
181 overnight has been busy the past month with 4+ calls on several occasions handled by only one
182 crew.

183 **Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent – Report Given by** 184 **Liz Mohr**

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186 Please stop in and introduce yourself to our new member Eric Kramer (Disp TR) 1500. New
187 members are doing great in dispatch thank you to our dispatchers for doing such an awesome
188 job with training!!

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190 Keep up the hard work! I apologize for not being at GMM's however I do make all officer and
191 BOD meetings and am available 24/7 via phone/ email.

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193 Stay safe this week and good luck to Monday and Tuesday shifts with this blizzard rolling in!

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195 Thank you to Don Freed for picking up an additional shift Wednesday 0700!!! You are
196 appreciated!

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198 Help Needed on Wednesdays: 0700-1100: 2nd due CL
199 1100-1500: 2nd due DR and CL, ALS
200 1500-1900: X
201 1900-2300: X
202 2300-0700: Perm Disp, ALS

203 204 205 **Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Ann Donegan – Report Posted**

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207 For those who missed last meeting, I would like to introduce my new members, Vanessa Cortez
208 Hernandez on the 1100 and Joshua Abraham on the 2300!

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210 Congratulations to Thursday crew members Susan Seibel for Dispatcher of the year and Tom
211 O'Leary for BLS provider of the year. You both greatly deserved these awards. Congratulations
212 also to Gail Glister for 30 years of service and Hugh O'Brien and Claire Tesoriero for 25 years
213 of service.

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215 I would like to thank Brian Canty for a spectacular installation dance. We have a wonderful
216 group of officers this year.
217 Thank you also to David Mohr for catering the food for the Thursday shifts who went one whole
218 year without a call. Everyone raved about the food and greatly appreciated it.
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I am still short on Crew Leaders and drivers for my 1100 shift. I also need a dispatcher for my 0700. Any takers let me know. Mary Jane Woznick has been chipping in to help thank goodness.

Once again, let me remind all that EPCR's are coming soon. Please do not be afraid of them all of the officers will help you go over them so that you are comfortable.

As always, we are here to help our members new and old with any questions that they may have. Thanks again for all you do to make this organization one we can all be proud of.

Friday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – Report Given by Andrew Campagnola

Congratulations Ryane Como and Mike Como on being our probationary members of 2016! I am so proud of you both. HCFAS and our community are lucky to have you. I sent my Pulse article to the wrong email address, so here it is.

I can't believe it's March already! There is so much going on at HCFAS, I don't know where to begin. I really need to give a shout out to this years group of officers. The amount of work, devotion, care and love is amazing. Every single officer has gone above and beyond. I am honored to serve with these fine ladies and gentlemen. I know how much passion we have for HCFAS, our community, and most important, each other. Thank you Casey Orr, Liz Mohr, Matt Valle, Keith Rubenstein, Manny Aviles, Patrick Donegan, Kelly Murphy, David Kaufman, Liz Wuestman, Ann Donegan and Andrew Campagnola. You all rock!

Welcome Kasey Ryman and Evelyn Cruise to the Friday 1500 shift! Come by and meet these two ladies, they have fit right in and are willing and eager to learn.

Thank you for everyone who helped out on February 17th when we got slammed. We had 5 rigs and all 3 fly cars out and about. It still impresses me how people drop what they're doing to help someone in need of help.

I want to send some love to Phil Orlando, we miss you on the 1900. Feel better and hurry back!!

Stay safe and love each other.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report– Andrew Campagnola – Report Posted

Springtime is among us. Everyone enjoy the cooler weather for a little while longer because soon it will be summer and the calls will be pouring in.

I hope everyone had a good time at the installation dinner. The committee did a great job and fun was had by all as always.

We have a bunch of new members advancing to Crew Leaders and Drivers which always help alleviate other members from overworking themselves. If anyone wants to come down on any shift on Saturday you are more than welcome. I continue to thank all the members that come down for 1,2 and 3 shifts per week.

Training

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- If you haven't done so already please make sure everyone gets their Blood born pathogen review training out of the way. 2nd Deputy Valle doesn't skip a beat; he will turn your keys off ☺
- More hands on training will be scheduled but if anyone has anything specific they would like to review please bring it to my attention and we will design training around it.
- I hope everyone had a chance to go to the Mega Show and checkout the new technology.

Saturday is the only day of the week that has 0 24's so far this year. Let's keep it up!!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYSVA&RA & Committee-- Andrea Golinsky

Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association (SCACA)

The SCACA meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th at Mastic Beach Ambulance has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held April 19th at Wyandanch/Wheatley Heights Ambulance. Nominations and election for Executive Officers will be held then.

Renaissance Downtowns - Source the Station

Source the Station meeting will held on Wednesday, March 8th at the Walt Whitman Birthplace on Old Walt Whitman Rd. in Huntington Station. A Renaissance Downtowns update was presented on the Northridge and Gateway projects. Northridge property has begun development. There will be retail stores on the first level and 8 apartments on each of the second and third levels. Rents are anticipated to be in the "low \$2000.00 per month range" There is a tenant already to rent on of the store sites. It will be a "grab and go" deli serving breakfast and lunch items. The Gateway project is expected to start in the fall. Renaissance Downtowns is seeking to have the New York State DOT property that runs along New York Ave where the hotel is planned turned over to the town who will in turn cede it to Renaissance Downtowns. New York State is asking for fair market value for the land. It is estimated that the market value is approximately \$3,000,000.00.

Suffolk County and the Town of Huntington are still trying to decide how to manage the RFP for sewer engineering companies for the sewer installations south of the train station. Hopefully this will be done in a couple of weeks

Source the Station, located at 1266 New York Ave., Huntington Station is accepting gowns, mens suits, tuxes, shoes and accessories which will be given to Prom going students who can't afford new. The apparel will be given to students at the "Boutique" to be held at Walt Whitman High School south cafeteria on April 27th 3 PM to 7 PM and April 28th 12 PM to 4 PM .

Call Source the Station to make sure someone is there to receive your donation---631-629-4660

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVARA)

NYSVARA has set its annual Legislative Day for May 8th in Albany. The Executive Board meeting will be held the day before. I have already confirmed an appointment with Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan and will be making appointments with our local Senators and Assemblymen. Our agenda this year will once again include support for bills that would mandate insurance companies to send payment for services directly to the EMS provider. Presently the insurance companies will only send the check to the patient who is supposed to turn it over to the ambulance company that provided the service. In many cases especially in upstate rural areas the insurance check is never turned over to the ambulance department. The only way the insurance companies will send the payment check to the service provider is if the provider agrees to become an “in network” provider at a reduced rate of payment. There are other bills that NYSVARA is supporting and will be discussing them with our representatives in Albany on Legislative Day.

LOSAP 2016 Points – Bob Franz

The 2016 Service Awards LOSAP State Report for Points posted on the bulletin board was updated. You must have at least 50 points in the total column and a Yes in the Pass column to qualify for a year of LOSAP credit for 2016. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. The final list will be sent to the Town of Huntington in March for Town Board approval.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters’ & Ambulance Workers’ Credit for 2016 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2016 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.

2017 / 2018 VAW 10% Property Tax Exemption Application Forms – Bob Franz

All renewals and new applications were filed by the 3/1/17 deadline date with the Town Assessor’s office.

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

Explorer Post 215 – Susanna Otto – The Explorers are planning a trip to Hershey Park in May 2017.

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

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Stand-by Committee– Samantha Mohr – Please sign up for Stand-by's for YMCA Run on 4/02/17 Bike Team Members are needed for this Event. Bike Team Members are needed for this Saturday. Members are needed for a Stand by at Huntington Manor Fire Department and Huntington Fire Department Trainings in April 2017. Members are needed for the Tulip Festival on May 7, 2017 and for the 25K Run in Caumsett State Park on May 21, 2017. Please see Sign Up Sheets posted in the Ready Room.

Special Events – Brian Canty - Children's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 15, 2017.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski – A total of \$2,856.00 Donations were collected. First Wave will be going out next week.

50th Anniversary Committee – Martha Brenner – There will be a Meeting regarding the 50th Anniversary Dinner. An e-mail with meeting details will be sent out to the members. The HCFAS 50th Anniversary Dinner will be take place on September 9, 2017.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Members Thanked Brian Canty and his Staff for a fantastic job planning the Installation Dinner. A great time was had by all who attended. Members also Thanked Brian for a job well done on The St. Patrick's Day Parade and Dinner afterwards.

Thursday Captain Ann Donegan again thanked David Mohr for Thursday's No 24's Food. The food was fantastic and enjoyed by everyone.

Day Captain Andrew Campagnola discussed all new members coming into the Squad are required to have a minimum of at least a CPR Certification versus current active members requirement of a CPR and RTE certification.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Andrew Taylor, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Greg Orr, Angie Kalodukas, Kevin McCann, Dale Bartolomeo, Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack, Mary Winter

Raffles - Various Gifts

- **Home Depot Gift Card** – Bob Biersack
- **Lowe's Gift Card** – Ferd Neumann
- **Panera Bread Gift Card** – Ann Donegan
- **Outback Gift Card** – Donald Freed
- **Lugana White Wine** – Jim Malillo
- **Lugana White Wine** – Vanessa Gallego
- **Variation Dance Studio Scholarship** – Pamela Brenner

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- **Mets Game Tickets** – Kelly Murphy
- **Mets Game Tickets** – Lorrie Stone

Motion by Tony Cruz and seconded by Jeffrey Brenner to adjourn the Meeting at 2040 hours. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible members 63, probationary 6, Total: 69

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert L. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: March 29, 2017

Approved: April 10, 2017

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad

2017 General Membership Meeting

Date: April 10, 2017

Officers:

President John Palmieri	PRESENT
Vice President Seth Fischer	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Keith Tamayo	ABSENT
Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Richard Stone	ABSENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Casey Orr	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Mohr	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Matthew Valle	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Manuel Aviles	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Patrick Donegan	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain David Kaufman	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Ann Donegan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Campagnola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President John Palmieri that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 51).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

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

Presidents Report

John Palmieri

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

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Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – Awards Presented by President John Palmieri

25 Years of Service

Bernard Poole #872

20 Years of Service

Thomas Romano #939

15 Years of Service

Janet Rubel #1054

Debbie Rudilosso #1053

Jonathan Stone #1052

10 Years of Service

Tim Ebert #1184

Stephanie Mirabelli #1179

5 Years of Service

Richard Cortes

Carol Nucci

Secretary's Report – By Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Fiona Witkowski to approve the March 13, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence received: Thank you from Mike Polansky of the Greater LI Running Club for a standby at Caumsett State Park for their March 5th runs; Good & Welfare thank you – Suzie Martin and best wishes and appreciation of continued passion to help the community from Councilman Eugene Cook. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

President's Report - John Palmieri

-Motion to Approve 6 \$500.00 Squad Scholarships – See Bob Franz for Applications – Due date 7/01/2017.

-Motion to Approve the Use of the General Meeting Room for Israel Cortes #1174 for 5/6/17.

-Motion of Approve the Use of the General Meeting Room for Suzie Martin #1057 for 5/19/17.

-Motion to Approve Members to Attend EMS Memorial Ceremony in Albany on 5/22/2017 and 5/23/17.

-Scheduling a Meeting on our Contract with the Town of Huntington this week.

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Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty

HCAD – Town Tax Money

Billing Account \$249,064

Expenses - \$ 284,472

Major Expenses

Payroll	\$54,499.23
EMS Supplies	\$22,132.62
Vehicles	14,608.80
Building	25,145.27
Utilities	16,988.17
Communications	32,222.95
Professional Fee's	5,795.00
Insurance	39,135.09
Office	3,002.31
Uniform	2,456.30
Member Inspection	43,439.34
Training	4,482.06
Public Relations	0.00
Other Expenditures	20,564.57

Totals-Expenses **\$ 284,471.71**

HCFAS – Squad Money

Income – Fund Drive \$18,462 and Misc. Donations/Interest \$12,614.70 = \$31,077.55

Expenses \$25,592.77

Expenses

Insurance - Life	\$ 2,794.35
Printing	1,595.00
Events	5,809.39
Goods & Welfare	744.99
Miscellaneous	9,070.46
Member Services	5,578.58
Totals-Expenses	\$ 25,592.77

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Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Casey Orr

- Our Open House will be held on Saturday, May 20th
- Katie Donegan will go over events and help needed.
- EMS Week Gifts are being discussed amongst the officers, if anyone has any ideas please see me by the end of the week.
- 1st Quarter - 1498 Alarms with a 24 rate of .85%
- Narcotics renewal & NYS-EMS Agency recertification is in the process of being completed.
- As of right now there will no longer be Beach Passes given out by the TOH. At the last Chief Council meeting we were informed that the Parks department has budget issues so we can no longer obtain them for free. Chief Council will be sending a letter as a group to the town to see if this can be changed.
- **Firefighter / Rescue Seasonal Beach Permit: Resident Volunteer Firefighter or resident volunteer rescue squad personnel are eligible to receive this permit for \$5.00 issued at respective Fire Departments and ambulance district headquarters prior to Memorial Day and later at Crab Meadow Beach ONLY. Vehicle registration, driver's license and Volunteer Firefighter identification card or rescue squad identification card is required. (See Motion under New Business)**

First Deputy Chief's Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Absent - Report Posted - Report Given by Chief Casey Orr

Please remember to finger in and out for you shift, I have asked the captains to go through each of their days and look for mismatches, but it is ultimately the members responsibility. You can pull up your member report from the website. Information about it can be seen on the Chief's order. I am willing to run anyone's report and go over it with them at any point. The first quarter ended on March 31st, letters will be going out within the next week for members who are short hours.

If you feel there is a mismatch or your hours are incorrect please reach out to your captain or myself.

Please remember if you get into an accident with one of the ambulances or fly cars to fill out the proper paperwork and notify the 3rd Deputy Chief and myself.

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Matthew Valle – Report Posted

Please see below for my recent **updates** as Second Deputy. Thank you everyone for your assistance with identifying equipment issues. This is important to ensure they are resolved within a timely manner.

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Second Deputy Updates:

- Three damaged stretcher mattresses were replaced on the rigs.
- Don Freed is rolling out BLS 12 lead in service classes. All EMT-Bs, please sign up as the classes are broadcasted. The sooner our EMTs are in serviced, the sooner we can go live as an agency.
- Sepsis Peer Review class will be held on the evening of April 11th. Please sign up with Fiona to attend. Food and noncore CME credit will be provided.
- Please remember to continue checking the batteries of both the Lucas and LifePak 15's. These devices have designated battery button in which the unit does not have to be turned on.
- Mazda is generously donating us CPR manikins for our CPR training. We should expect to see them shortly.
- 2-15-21 as of Friday, April 7th is experiencing issues with the stretcher loading system. Unit is Out of Service and Stryker has been contacted to conduct the repair.
- Thank you Tyler Gibbs who is strictly following the recall procedures provided by Physio of our LifePak 1000 AED's.

As always, please feel free to share with me any new ideas for both equipment and training initiatives!

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Keith Rubenstein – Absent - Report Posted - Report Given by Second Deputy Chief Matthew Valle

As spring arrives and weather gets nicer I am asking that you take the time if you can to wash an ambulance or a fly car. We have purchased car wash soap so we are all stocked up. I will be deep cleaning the BBQ and getting propane for it for your crews to grill I just ask please clean it as best as you can when you're done. Also remember if you have a safety issue with the ambulance please call me and put it out of service. Thank you all in advance and let's keep up the great year. And congrats to all of our members on keeping our 24 rate below 1% great job everyone.

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Manuel Aviles – Report Posted

March Stats (March 1, 2017- March 31, 2017)

Alarms..... 1692 as 4/10/17

Signal 24's..... 16 (0.9%)

Duplicate calls.....21

Delete calls. 6

Signal 24 breakdown by Day of Week as of February 28, 2017

Sunday.....2 (YTD)

Monday.....1 (YTD)

Tuesday..... 3(YTD)

Wednesday.....5 (YTD)

Thursday..... 1(YTD)

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200 Friday.....4 (YTD)
201 Saturday.....0 (YTD) Keep up the good work.

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203 **January 2016...4 February 2016...12 March 2016...6 April 2016...1**
204 **May 2016...5 June 2016...4 July 2016...4 August 2016...9**
205 **September 2016...4 October 2016...8 November 2016...5**
206 **December 2016...6**

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208 **January 2017...7 February 2017...4 March 2017...2 April 2017...3**
209 **May 2017...0 June 2017...0 July 2017...0 August 2017...0**
210 **September 2017...0 October 2017...0 November 2017...0**
211 **December 2017...0**

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214 **Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Patrick Donegan – Absent Report Posted**

215 **Help Needed:**

216 Need help on Sunday Overnight and every day this coming Sunday 4/16/17 for Easter
217 Sunday.
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221 **Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy – Report Posted**

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223 Only one 24 during the month of March. So happy to say we have not had another thanks to
224 all who come in all hours of the day/night to make sure our community has the best patient
225 care. THANK YOU!!!!
226 Congratulations to Paul Bayer on passing his dispatch test and now in ambulance orientation.
227 Paul was great on the air and Mary Brenner did a fantastic job training him.
228 I am in need of a Crew Leader on my 1900 Shift for 2nd due.
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231 **Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – David Kaufman – Absent - Report Posted – Report**
232 **Given by Chief Casey Orr**

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234 Thank you to everyone who came in to assist with the snow storm last month and to all the
235 Tuesday members who came in early and stayed late to make sure we had coverage. For a while
236 we had four ambulances out on the road and all calls were covered with plenty of manpower for
237 a traumatic cardiac arrest.
238 Last week the 0700 crew transported an infant burn victim to NUMC.
239 Drivers are always needed on the 1100 shift. Thank you to those who consistently come in at my
240 request and those who come without being asked to help out.
241 There are 3 driver trainers on the 1900 shift. Members looking to do training modules or calls
242 with driver trainers are welcome.
243 Help always needed on the overnight. Only one permanent crew is on.
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Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent - Report Posted – Report Given by Captain Kelly Murphy

Hello all! The past month has been absolutely insane here on Wednesdays! We are currently averaging 6 calls on the 0700, 13 for the 1100, and the rest of the shifts had all had their turn in completing the last 10-12 calls for the day! Thank you to all those who have been answering up and coming in to do additional shifts!

While yes we 24'd one last week on the 1100 there was 5 ambulances out all covering calls. Dispatcher's.... you have been doing an amazing job at dispatching our crews getting the calls covered, ambulances where they need to go and ensuring everyone has what they need! Keep up the hard work it has not gone unnoticed!

Please continue to support company 4.... the following is needed for Wednesdays:

0700-1100: 2nd due CL

1100-1500: 2nd due crew, ALS

1500-1900: 2nd due CL/DR

2300-0700: Dispatcher/ALS

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Ann Donegan – Report Posted

Congratulations to Joshua Abraham on becoming a new EMT!

Welcome Spring! Now that the warmer weather is here we must be especially vigilant of the children cycling in the streets, as well as playing ball, etc. Take some extra time to review the pediatric back boards, splints and other pediatric equipment on the ambulance. Once again the E-PCR's are on the way. Take time to get familiar with them.

Friday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Report Posted

First I want to say thank you to Tommy Romano #939 on 20 years of loyal, dedicated service to HCFAS!!! Tommy, you are an amazing person. Your patient care, compassion, and patience is priceless. I am honored to have been part of your crew since I began at HCFAS. Thank you for all your guidance, help, support and most importantly your friendship. You are an absolute asset to HCFAS and we love you!!! Thank you Tommy for being an inspiration!!

I also want to give a shout out to Kasey Ryman and Evelyn Cruise. These two ladies are currently dispatch training and are doing an amazing job learning and moving through the process. Keep up the good work ladies!!

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report– Andrew Campagnola – Report Posted

- If anyone wants to come down on any shift on Saturday you are more than welcome.
- I continue to thank all the members that come down at any time on Saturdays. Whether it is for a backup call or 3 shifts, you are appreciated.

A permanent Dispatcher is needed on the 1500 shift and a 1st due driver is needed for the 1900 Shift.

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I send out a weekly e-mail that outlines any important information and the current schedule. If you would like to be added to this e-mail list please let me know.

Saturday is the only day of the week that has Zero 24's so far this year. Let's keep it up!!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYSVARA District 7 Delegate Report – Andrea Golinsky

NYSVARA Legislative Day in Albany is on Monday, May 8, 2017. NYSDOH EMS Bureau

EMS Memorial Ceremony in Albany is on Tuesday May 23, 2017 at 11:00 AM.

NYSVARA District 7 Decals for your Automobile are being distributed in your mail folder.

Please put them on your car.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association (NYSVARA) District 7 Meeting is

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at North Amityville Fire Department at 8:00 PM. All are invited.

LOSAP 2016 Points – Bob Franz

The final 2016 Service Awards LOSAP Point Listing has been sent to the Town of Huntington for Town Board Approval. The approved listing will be returned to the Squad and will be posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30 day period.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Refundable \$200 Credit for 2016 – Bob Franz

If eligible (see instructions on back of Form), you can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2016 on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance **Form IT-245**.

Peer Review Committee – Keith Davis & Fiona Witkowski – There will be a Sepsis Meeting tomorrow from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Food will be served. In May Dr. Brander will do a Lecture on Stroke. Notices will be e-mailed out to members.

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

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

Open House Committee – Kathryn Donegan – The Squad will be hosting an Open House Event on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Volunteers are needed for Set-up and Clean up. Bike Team Members are needed for this event as well. Please e-mail Katie if you are available to help out.

Special Events Committee - Brian Canty – The Easter Egg Hunt will take place this Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 10:00 Am at the Jefferson School. You have until the end of the meeting to sign up.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski – Total Donations Collected \$36,779.00.

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Hands Only CPR – Kathleen Castillo - We will be participating in a community awareness event on May 20th at the community center. This event is to raise awareness for motorcycle and bicycle awareness. The invitation came from a family of a fatal motorcycle MVA we had in 2015. The family is collecting used bicycle and refurbishing them for underprivileged children in our community. I am taking donation to present them with a new bicycle and safety equipment from HCFAS at the event. I encourage everyone to participate and join us. I put up flyers around the squad. If you have any questions, want to make a donation or get involved let me know. Kathy 632-873-7051.

50th Anniversary Committee – Martha Brenner – Topics and action points from initial organization meeting of 4/3/17:

1-Overview: Saturday September 16th 2017 time to be determined.

2-Invitees: Agreed all active, inactive life and associate members

3-Invitations: Evites will be used: David Kaufman and Mary Winter.

4-DJ: must include screens for photos taken during the event and loop of pre-done DVD's to be handled by Jeff Brenner

5-Photographer: must work with DJ as noted above. Roger Winter

6-Decorations: posters that were used at the 40th, banners. Banners by Phil Orlando

7-Journal: Ad space to be sold Ads Andrea Golinsky and Chris Ruolo* Journal Martha Brenner

8-Cook Book: Update the 15th anniversary book to add new recipes. To be determined cost, sale or Gift Phil Schmidt and Kathy Bonessi.

9- Monthly GMM question/raffle. Have a historical question at each meeting,

10- Gifts:

a. Commemorative pins for dress uniform. Distribution to all members active in 2017.

b. Banner for the building.

c. Hoodie/zipper/royal blue approximately to all active members.

11- Meeting: anticipate another meeting in about 2 weeks. Please watch for blast email.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMITTEE MEMBER LISTED ABOVE FOR THE AREA YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN. IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL IDEAS PLEASE EMAIL ME AT MARTHABRENNER236@GMAIL.COM OR CALL ME AT 631-617-4038

Old Business: None

New Business:

Phil Orlando thanked all the Members for their phone calls, visits and for the Fruit Basket that he received during his recent illness. Phil also spoke about anyone who may be interested in Membership for the new LA Fitness Gym. He has 3 Day Passes for anyone who is interested in trying out the Gym. Please see Phil regarding possible Membership or a 3 Day Pass. A Motion was made by Brian Canty and seconded by Chief Casey Orr for HCFAS to purchase Beach Passes for all HCFAS Active and Life Members who reside in the Town of Huntington if the Town does not change their policy and issue them for free as is prior years.

Motion Approved Unanimously.

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Captain Campagnola reminded Drivers to lock their vehicles at scenes or Hospital. Re: EMT Arroyo incident in NYC and recent NUMC incident.

Closing: Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee:
Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Andrew Taylor, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci,
Greg Orr, Angie Kalodukas, Kevin McCann, Dale Bartolomeo, Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack, Mary Winter

Raffles - Various Gifts

- **Pino Grigio White Wine** – Andrea Golinsky
- **Moulin de Mallet Red Wine White Wine** – Andrew Campagnola
- **Natale Verga Chanti** – Joseph Nappi
- **Outback Gift Card** – Mary Brenner
- **Panera Bread Gift Card** – Diane Tanko
- **Lowe's Gift Card** – Andrew Taylor

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded Roger Winter by to adjourn the meeting at 2025 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 54, Probationary 2, Total Members: 56

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Q. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: April 15, 2017

Approved: May 8, 2017

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Date: May 8, 2017

President John Palmieri	PRESENT
Vice President Seth Fischer	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	ABSENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Keith Tamayo	ABSENT
Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Richard Stone	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Casey Orr	ABSENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
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Third Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
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Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Campagnola	PRESENT

Sergeant-at-arms Jerry Giacomini reported to President John Palmieri that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (58 eligible members).

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

Bernard Poole's Mother, Bridgette Poole.
Susan Seibel's Husband Henry and Meaghan Salzone's Stepfather.
Karen Reim's Mother.

Congratulations on the Birth of a New Baby:

Chief Casey Orr on the Birth of her Baby Boy, Gavin Michael.
Pamela Brenner and Keith Davis on the Birth of their Baby Boy, Nathan.
Kristin Schwartz Perkins on the Birth of her Baby Daughter, Amy.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service):

30 Years of Service

Kathy Hayes #749
David Mohr #748

15 Years of Service

Susan Martin #1057
Gerardo Vasquez #1055

5 Years of Service

Alexander Klotsche #1363
Patrick Stanton #1365

Secretary's Report – Robert Franz – Given by Christine Russo Tedone

Motion by Christine Russo Tedone and seconded by Joseph Nappi to approve the April 10, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence received: Thank you & donation from member Gina Angevine for services rendered to her son; and a memorial donation in memory of Bernard Poole's mother Bridgette. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

President's Report John Palmieri

- Motion to Approve a CPR Class for the Huntington Boating Association.
- Motion to Approve a CPR Demonstration at the Huntington Boating Festival at Mill Dam Park.
- Motion to Approve Meal Allowance for Members in Attendance for EMS Week 5/21/17 until 5/27/17.

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- Motion to Approve a Post 215 Fishing Trip and a Post 215 Trip to a Mets Game.
- Emergency Motion to Repair the Engine in 2-15-18.
- Emergency Motion to Repair the Air Conditioning for the Dispatch Office.
- Revised HCAD Budget – The Town of Huntington will increase our billing limit allowing us to fund our billing costs through billing funds rather than through our reserves. The 2017 funds we receive also includes \$200,00.00 which comes from the ambulance district tax levy paid by the property owners.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – No Report

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Casey Orr - Absent – Oral Report Given by First Deputy Elizabeth Mohr

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

Please remember to finger in and out for you shift, I have asked the captains to go through each of their days and look for mismatches, but it is ultimately the members responsibility. You can pull up your member report from the website. Information about it can be seen on the Chief's order. If you have a problem with your hours (for example if your short), please reach out to myself, I am willing to sit down and go over anyone's hours. Please remember, if you get into an accident with one of the ambulances or fly cars to fill out the proper paperwork and notify the 3rd Deputy Chief and myself.

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Matthew Valle – Absent - Report Given by First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Mohr

Please see below for my recent updates as Second Deputy. Thank you everyone for your assistance with identifying equipment issues. This is important to ensure they are resolved within a timely manner.

Second Deputy Updates:

- Don Freed is continuing rolling out BLS 12 lead in service classes. All EMT-B, please sign up as the classes are broadcasted. The sooner are providers are in service, the sooner we can go live with the pilot!
- Stroke Review class with Dr. Brandler will be held May 3rd. We had a great turnout for the event. Thank you to Dr. Brandler, Fiona and Don for their hard work.

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- Please remember to continue checking the batteries of both the Lucas and LifePak 15's. These devices have designated battery button in which the unit does not have to be turned on.
- New LifePak 1000 AED batteries have been purchased. If you find an AED with only one bar of battery left, immediately replace it with one of the spare AED's and notify Nancy Barker (AED Committee).
- Please remember to complete the recent review training on Chest Pains and any other review trainings that have not yet to be completed.

As always, please feel free to share with me any new ideas for both equipment and training initiatives!

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Keith Rubenstein – Absent - Report Given by First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Mohr

As of tonight 2-15-18 will be boos for about one week with engine trouble which then lead to the air conditioning not working.

2-15-81 A/C is not working will be going to Chevy hopefully covered under warranty. All other rigs are in service.

Will be working with 32 about fixing the locks in the ALS cabinets

A new toilet will be placed in the dispatch bathroom to make it more accessible. And as always if you have any problems please e-mail me at third.deputy@hcfas.org.

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Manuel Aviles – Absent – Report Posted

April Stats (April 1, 2017- April 30, 2017)

Alarms..... 2141 as 5/7/17

Signal 24's..... 19 (0.8)

Duplicate calls.....37

Delete calls. 8

Signal 24 breakdown by Day of Week as of April 30, 2017

Sunday.....2 (YTD)

Monday.....1 (YTD)

Tuesday..... 4(YTD)

Wednesday.....6 (YTD)

Thursday..... 1(YTD)

Friday.....5 (YTD)

Saturday.....0 (YTD) Keep up the good work.

January 2016...4 February 2016...12 March 2016...6 April 2016...1

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May 2016...5 June 2016...4 July 2016...4 August 2016...9
September 2016...4 October 2016...8 November 2016...5 December 2016...6

January 2017...7 February 2017...3 March 2017...3 April 2017...6
May 2017...0 June 2017...0 July 2017...0 August 2017...0
September 2017...0 October 2017...0 November 2017...0
December 2017...0

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Patrick Donegan – Report Posted

Help is needed on the Sunday Overnight shift. Help is also needed on the 1900 Shift.

Last Sunday, April 30th, 2017 the 1500 Shift had a working Fire. A Great job was done by everyone. Special thanks is extended to Mike Como and Andrew Taylor for helping out.

This Sunday, May 7th, 2017 the 1100 Crew had a Narcan save. Once Again an excellent Job was done by all.

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

To date only one 24 for the year and knock on wood it will stay that way. You are all awesome for coming in and helping.

I want to express my thanks to the members on my 1900 shift that did such a hard and amazing job on Monday April 24th. We had 2 fatalities within I believe one hour of each other. David Mohr, Karen Martin, Ann Maloney, Stephanie Caracciolo and Joel Paul handled these 2 calls. I also want to thank Chief Casey Orr, First Deputy Chief Liz Mohr, and Second Deputy Chief Matt Valle who arrived on scene of the 2nd call and started compressions and the AED immediately. Additional members that arrived to these calls are Mark Brenner, Brian Canty, Paul Bayer and Emily Meyer. Thank you all for your hard work, professionalism, and heart. Welcome back Tomoko Hirasawa to our 2300 shift. Tomo has been on a leave and is back and in action. I rode with her last week and she was amazing. On target with pt. care, it was like she never left. Tomo I am glad to have you on my overnight. I also want to welcome Emily Meyers to my 1500 shift.

Congratulations to our wonderful Chief Casey Orr and Mike Ball on the arrival of their baby boy Gavin Michael. You are very blessed. Still in need of a 2nd due CL for the 1900 shift. I welcome all help on Mondays.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Thank you to the 1900 crew with the addition of Chief Rubenstein and K. Tamayo for responding to a cardiac member of service call on 4/25/17.

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On 5/2/17 we had 5 calls in 20 minutes from 15:48 to 16:10. Four ambulances were on the road and a 5th crew was in house for the last call (a medical alert) before it was canceled by medcom. On duty: A. Giusto, J. Cunningham, Martha Brenner, T. O'Leary, N. Barker, S. Sawyer. Disp: C. Stiles. Backup: M. Aviles, M. Como, C. Castillo, J. Menard, C. Lenio. Thank you all.

Other Recent backup/coverage by Kovalsky, I Cortes, Berman, Magerle, Campagnola, Tamayo, A Donegan, Loysch, Scheff, Daniels, Russell, M. Como, T. Lemp, Giusto, O'Leary, Anastos, Domanick, Waldron, Guadagnin, Nazinitzky, Witkowski, Lenio.

Congratulations to Joanne Peters on passing her dispatch test!

We had one 24 on the 0700 shift on 4/18. This was the first in exactly 3 months. Thanks to everyone who helps out and works so hard on their shifts.

Help Needed:

0700: Dispatcher

1100: First & second drivers

2300: Second full crew

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent - Report Given by First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Mohr

Probationary Members:

Solange (1900), Alvaro (0700), and Eric (1500) are all doing great! They are nearly ready for their dispatch tests and working on completing their ambulance orientation! Keep up the great work!

Return to duty: Tiffany White is returning from her leave this week... stop in and say hello!!

24's:

We have (4) 24's for the year and considering how many calls we have been getting each week that is spectacular!! Thank you to everyone who answers up on Wednesdays and to Company 4 members who come in early and leave late. All your hard work is reflected in the numbers!!

The following shifts are looking for help weekly:

0700-1100: 1st and 2nd due CL, ALS**

1100-1500: 2nd due crew, ALS**

1500-1900: 2nd due CL

2300-0700: Permanent Dispatcher

If anyone is available to come out and play call/text/e-mail me at (631) 418-5596.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Ann Donegan – Absent – Oral Report Given by Katie Donegan

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Friday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – Report Given by First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Mohr

Congratulations to Evelyn Cruise #1501, on passing her dispatch test! I want to give a shout out to Jim Mallilo. Jim has been dispatch training Evelyn and Kasey on the 1500 shift. Kasey will be taking her test in the near future. Thank you Jim for training these lassies.

I need a driver for the 1500 shift. Come and play!

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report– Andrew Campagnola – Report Posted

If anyone wants to come down on any shift on Saturday you are more than welcome. I continue to thank all the members that come down at any time on Saturdays. Whether it is for a backup call or 3 shifts, you are appreciated.

Open house is this Saturday. This is a great community event and all should come down for a good time and help represent HCFAS.

I send out a weekly email that outlines any important information and the current schedule. If you would like to be added to this e-mail list please let me know.

Saturday is the only day of the week that has 0 24's so far this year. Let's keep it up!!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

2017 HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline July 1st – Bob Franz - Reports Given by Christine Russo Tedone

The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to six (6) five hundred dollar (\$500) squad scholarships to be given to any non-probationary HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as the sponsoring non-probationary member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the July 2017 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to the Secretary (Bob Franz) as of July 1st, with the appropriate application forms and with the required qualifying evidence. The Secretary will receive from the Chief, a declaration that those applicants are non-probationary members or family members of non-probationary members in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must present documentation of at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding year. The applicant must have been enrolled for a minimum of six college credit hours per semester (minimum two semesters) or the equivalent period at a vocational school. All 2016 scholarship winners are not eligible for the 2017 scholarship drawing. The application form is included in this Pulse and is posted on the bulletin board and website. The form can also be found on the mail folder counter at the Squad.

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Incomplete applications submitted to the Secretary will be returned and not processed – all required documentation must be attached.

LOSAP 2016 Points – Bob Franz

The 2016 LOSAP Records Listing is expected to be approved by the Huntington Town Board on May 9, 2017. In compliance with General Municipal Law, the approved listing will be returned to the Squad and posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30 day period. It is requested that each member review the information next to their name and report any changes in writing to the President with a copy to the Secretary. Each reported change must be clearly identified and explained with supporting documentation, if applicable. Please also verify that your legal name is properly indicated.

Golf Outing – Bob Franz

The Hubbinette Cowell Associates' 32nd Annual Golf Outing will be held Tuesday July 11, 2017 at the Hamlet Wind Watch Golf Club Shotgun start at 7:30 AM followed by brunch and awards. As in past years, the Squad can send a foursome and Brian Canty has posted a signup sheet for a drawing to be held at the June General Membership meeting.

Peer Review Committee – Keith Davis & Fiona Witkowski – Bleeding Control and Trauma Meeting will be held on Monday, June 19, 2017.

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

Pulse – Kathryn Donegan – All reports and articles are due the 25th of the month. The HCFAS Open House needs volunteers to assist with set up and clean up this Saturday, May 20, 2017.

Special Events Committee - Brian Canty – Brian thanked Ann Maloney for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt.

Stand-by – Samantha Mohr – There are multiple Stand By's Posted in the Ready Room. Help is needed please sign up if you are available or can help out in any way.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski – Total Donations Collected \$46,639.00

50th Anniversary Committee – Martha Brenner – There will be a Meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting is welcome.

Old Business: None

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New Business:

Brian Canty inquired about the E-PCR Training and was told that training will begin sometime in June 2017.

Captain Andrew Campagnola inquired about the Day Captains Allowances for their crews. He asked why it was taken away for this quarter. President Palmieri said it was because of EMS Week.

Jerry Giacomini informed the Members that the Huntington Memorial Day Parade has been cancelled this year.

Ann Maloney thanked everyone for the Great Job on the Easter Egg Hunt and for the excellent job done by the Easter Bunny.

Elizabeth Steenson spoke about the lack of Membership attendance at Funeral Services for HCFAS Members and their families. She said that more members need to make an appearance at Funerals and show respect and support for their fellow members during difficult times.

President Palmieri agreed and noted that more members should attend Squad members and their Families funerals.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee:

Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Andrew Taylor, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Greg Orr, Angie Kalodukas, Kevin McCann, Dale Bartolomeo, Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack and Mary Winter

Raffles - Various Gifts

- **Lowes Gift Card** – Ann Schwartz
- **Panera Bread Gift Card** – Gregory Orr
- **Outback Gift Card** – Donald Freed
- **Home Depot Gift Card** – Elizabeth Steenson
- **Pinot Grigio White Wine** – Heidi Magerle
- **Moulin de Mallet Red Wine** – Joan Florio
- **Emerge Cabernet Sauvignon** – James Malillo
- **Mets Tickets and Parking Pass** – James Ingwersen
- **Mets Tickets** – Joanne Cunningham

Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Roger Winter to adjourn the meeting at 1840 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible members 61, probationary 6, Total: 67

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404 Respectfully Submitted,

405 *Christine Q. Tedone*

406 Recording Secretary

407 *Robert L. Franz*

408 Secretary

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410 Draft posted: May 19, 2017

411 Approved: June 12, 2017

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad, Inc.

2 Railroad Street Huntington Station, NY 11746

Business Number: 421-1263

Fax: 421-0666

Scholarship Application-2017

Deadline July 1, 2017

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ **Cell** _____ **email** _____

School Attending: _____ -

Sponsoring Member's Name: _____ #-

Sponsoring Member's Address: _____

_____ **email** _____

REQUIREMENTS:

-Applicant must be a non-probationary HCFAS Squad Member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as the sponsoring non-probationary HCFAS Squad Member in good standing. Only one application per applicant will be accepted.

-Applicant must have at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding year.

-Applicant must have been enrolled for a minimum of six (6) college credit hours per semester (minimum of two semesters) or the equivalent period at a vocational school for the preceding year.

- Applicant cannot be a 2016 HCFAS scholarship recipient.

-Deadline: Application and required documents must be received by HCFAS Secretary by July 1, 2017.

APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

-Completed application.

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-Proof of enrollment for the preceding year (two semesters) with at least six (6) college credit hours per semester or the equivalent at a vocational school and a 2.0 Grade Point Average for that year.

-Proof that family member applicant resides in the same home as HCFAS Squad Member.

I certify that the information provided is true and correct.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date _____

For Internal Use Only:

I certify that the above applicant or if not the applicant, then sponsoring member is a non-probationary member in good standing in accordance with HCFAS By-Laws/SOPs.

HCFAS Chief's signature: _____

Date _____

I certify that the application received meets the requirements:

HCFAS Secretary's signature: _____ **Date** _____

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Date: June 12, 2017

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Longevity Awards (Length of Service)

President Palmieri made a Presentation to Member Joseph Nappi for his thirty (30) Years of Service to HCFAS. Chief Casey Orr recognized the 5 Year Members under her Report.

30 Years of Service

Joseph Nappi #753

5 Years of Service

James Ganley

Loreley Villamide Herrera

Martin LoCascio

Kristin Schwartz

Motion by John Palmieri and seconded by Robert Franz to Change the order of the meeting to hear the following Proposed SOP Change:

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed SOP Change #01-2017 - Read by David Mohr – Chairman of the By-Laws Committee:

Proposal:

To institute a procedure for changes to a member's finger read record.

Background/Justification:

Chief's Order 01-2017 and Board of Directors motion dated December 15, 2016.

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

Article II - Member Guidelines, Section 2 - On-Duty Crews, Paragraph:

2. Duty Tour Schedule

A. Upon arriving at headquarters each member should sign-in using the finger reader. If a change to a member's finger read record is needed, for any reason, the Finger Reader Adjustment Form must be completed by the member and forwarded to their Captain, or the Vice-President in the case of Administrative members, or the First Deputy Chief in the case of Company 8 personnel, for approval and signature. It is the members' responsibility to check and monitor their finger read record. It is solely the responsibility of the First Deputy Chief to make any and all adjustments to a member's finger read record. If the member requesting the finger read record adjustment is any Chief Officer, a Captain, a Company 8 member, sibling, spouse, children, partner or any other related family member of the First Deputy Chief, the Chief and President must also sign the form before the First Deputy Chief can make the adjustment.

B. The Duty Tour Schedule will inform you of what a crew members responsibilities you are expected to serve on your duty tour.

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C. At times the Day Captain may write pertinent information for the crew on the Duty Tour Schedule that you will be expected to read.

Article I - Chain of Command, Section 2 - First Deputy Chief:

1. The First Deputy Chief is the second Operational Officer in the Chain of Command. The First Deputy shall be prepared to assume the responsibilities of the Chief.

2. The First Deputy Chief is in charge of personnel, Company 8, finger read record adjustments, and Driver Training.

Discussion – Consensus Vote – Members in Favor.

Proposed SOP Change #02-2017 - Read by David Mohr – Chairman of the By-Laws Committee:

Proposal:

To simplify the Quarterly Meal Allowance.

Background/Justification:

To reduce the amount of paperwork the Captains and Treasurer have to do.

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

Article X, Section 1 (A), (17), (f)

Quarterly Meal Allowance - In recognition of the memberships services to the community, the Captains and Vice-President are authorized a \$10 per member ~~\$500~~ quarterly meal allowance for their days or personnel. Members are only entitled to one Quarterly Meal Allowance per quarter regardless of the number of shifts completed. Captains and the Vice-President must request and account for the funds, a signature from the member acknowledging receipt of the funds, in accordance with Article X, Section A, Paragraph 5, (b) of the SOP's by the end of the calendar quarter the request was made in. Captains and the Vice-President may not request a quarterly meal allowance unless they have accounted for the previous quarters allowance. ~~The Vice-President is authorized to purchase food gift cards for the administrative personnel in an amount not to exceed the average amount provided for all operational members.~~

Discussion – Consensus Vote – Members in Favor.

Secretary's Report

Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz seconded by Andrea Golinsky to approve the May 8, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes as presented.

MOTION APPROVED – UNANIMOUSLY (one abstain)

Correspondence received: Thank you from Lisa & Deborah for four bikes that were donated in memory of their brother; good & welfare: fruit basket thank you's from Casey, Michael & Gavin Ball; Pam, Keith & Nathan Davis; Mike Golinsky and from Mary Winter; the Squad was the recipient of a \$500 volunteer grant from Medtronic's Mission in Motion Community on behalf of their employee and our squad member Claire Tesoriero.

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July 11, 2017 Golf Outing – Drawing at the June General Membership Meeting

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President's Report John Palmieri

Motion to Approve Members Attendance at 2017 Pulse Check.

Motion to Approve Delegates Attendance at 2017 Pulse Check.

Motion to Approve New Contract with Stryker for Power-Pro Stretcher and Stair Chair Maintenance.

Motion to Approve Bike Team Member Attendance at EMS Cycling Class at Mastic Beach Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Motion to Approve POST 215 Screening an EMS Movie Premiere.

President Palmieri discussed the Ambulance District's billing process for calls:

As of 5/31/17 \$961,000.00 has been billed; \$551,000.00 has been collected; \$54,000.00 has been paid to the billing company and \$375,000.00 has been transferred to HCFAS. A Medicaid number has been received and we will start billing from the date that we began to bill Medicare.

The Town of Huntington has to draft a Compassionate Care policy for us. Currently, we will bill and make two additional requests for the amount due and then it will be a bad debt. (90 Days).

John mentioned that the Town of Huntington would like us to spend down some of our HCFAS Reserve funds. The New York State Attorney General has never made a determination as to an acceptable amount of reserves that HCFAS can have.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – No Report

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186 **Chief's Report – Casey Orr - Report Posted**

- 187 • Thank you to everyone who reached out to check in on me and Gavin over the last month
- 188 and those who gave gifts.
- 189 • May had 571 alarms (THE HIGHEST FOR A 1 MONTH PERIOD) with only 2 24's!
- 190 AWESOME JOB EVERYONE!!!
- 191 • When we have multiple vehicles on the road all going to Huntington Hospital, please
- 192 make a courtesy call to let them know.
- 193 • There will be a CME core refresher here at HCFAS in July. An e-mail has been sent out
- 194 this morning with the schedule. Thank you Mark Brenner!
- 195 • RTE Challenge on Wednesday, June 14th at 6pm. Forty-five minute review followed by
- 196 the test - about 1.5 hours total. No registration is necessary.
- 197 • MCI Drill – Saturday June 17th. Be at HQ no later than 8:00 AM. Please sign up in the
- 198 ready room ASAP.
- 199 • Vehicle extrication & live burn at HMFD of the old 25 on Wednesday, June 14th. 2 crews
- 200 are needed to participate in the drill, please contact me by tomorrow if you're interested.
- 201 Any member who is interested in watching the live burn you can come to HMFD around
- 202 7:45/8:00 PM
- 203 • Parade sign ups have been posted and an e-mail was sent out. Please sign up ASAP:
 - 204 ○ Eaton's Neck – July 4th
 - 205 ○ HMFD – July 19th
 - 206 ○ East Northport – August 2nd
 - 207 ○ Greenlawn – August 31st
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- 209 • Our NYS-EMS Agency recertification packet is due at the end of this month. In the
- 210 packet I need to include everyone's certifications with expiration dates and I cannot
- 211 submit it with expired cards. There are many members who are missing RTE AND
- 212 CPR. You must keep your certifications up to date!
- 213 • Beach Passes: The TOH dropped off 125 beach passes, not enough for the entire
- 214 membership. I have inquired about more and will send an email out as soon as I have
- 215 them.
- 216 • BLS/O2 Bags: when leaving a scene you have to take a 2nd look around to make sure that
- 217 we have all of our equipment. Over the last week, bags have gone missing twice. Captain
- 218 Dave Kaufman found one bag 3 days after a call in the bushes at the location. **PLEASE**
- 219 **PAY MORE ATTENTION.**
- 220 • A HUGE thank you to those who came down throughout the week and weekend to check
- 221 and recheck the ambulances!
- 222 • When you come back from a call, please remember to replace what you used. Items were
- 223 constantly missing from ambulances even though detailed checkouts were done the day
- 224 prior.
- 225 • We are due to be inspected by NYS this month. Make sure your ambulances are checked
- 226 out at the start of every shift and that you have your cards on you and you are in uniform!

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- A list has been posted in the ready room with completed shifts. In order to be eligible for the gift card you must have 36 shifts and be off of probation.
- Congratulations to our New EMTs.
- **Committees that need help:**
 - Hands Only CPR
 - Bike Team
 - Photos for The Pulse
 - Holiday Decorating
 - Holiday Parade
 - Photo Committee

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

Please remember to finger in and out for you shift, I have asked the captains to go through each of their days and look for mismatches, but it is ultimately the members responsibility. You can pull up your member report from the website. Information about it can be seen on the Chief's order. If you have a problem with your hours (for example if your short), please reach out to myself, I am willing to sit down and go over anyone's hours. The 2nd Quarter ends June 30th, letters about hours will be going out 2 weeks later. If anyone has any problems or concerns about their hours please contact me before the Quarter ends.

Please remember, if you get into an accident with one of the ambulances or fly cars to fill out the proper paperwork and notify the 3rd Deputy Chief and myself, putting the forms in my mailbox does not count as notifying me. Please call me.

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Matthew Valle – Absent – Report Given by Chief Orr

Please see below for my recent updates as Second Deputy. Thank you everyone for your assistance with identifying equipment issues. This is important to ensure they are resolved within a timely manner.

- Don Freed will be rolling out additional BLS 12 lead in service classes soon. Please remember to conduct the BLS 12 lead if you have been in serviced.
- Trauma Notification Class with Tim Dackow will be on Monday, June 19th, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Please sign up with Fiona if you have not yet done so.
- Ex Chief Tom Lemp will be conducting CPR classes on Tuesday June 20th and June 27th. Both classes have been booked but additional classes will be rolled out
- Please Remember: Safety Vests must be worn on all roadways. Please remind your crews. If you find a rig short vests, they are spare ones in the BLS closet.
- We have switched our Stretcher maintenance vendor from Med Pro to Stryker. A repair ticket for the stretcher of 18 has been placed and the stretcher will be repaired shortly by the Stryker technician.

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- Please remember to continue checking the batteries of both the Lucas and LifePak 15's. These devices have designated battery button in which the unit does not have to be turned on.
- Please remember to complete the recent review training on Musculoskeletal Injuries and any other review trainings that have not yet to be completed.

As always, please feel free to share with me any new ideas for both equipment and training initiatives!

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Keith Rubenstein – Absent – No Report Posted

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Manuel Aviles – Report Posted

May Stats (May 1, 2017- May 31, 2017)

Alarms.....2913 as 6/12/17

Signal 24's..... 21 (0.7)

Duplicate Calls.....101

Delete Calls..15

Signal 24 breakdown by Day of Week as of June 12, 2017

Sunday.....3 (YTD)

Monday.....1 (YTD)

Tuesday..... 4(YTD)

Wednesday.....7 (YTD)

Thursday..... 1(YTD)

Friday.....5 (YTD)

Saturday.....0 (YTD) Keep up the good work.

January 2016..4 February 2016...12 March 2016...6 April 2016...1

May 2016...5 June 2016...4 July 2016...4 August 2016...9

September 2016...4 October 2016...8 November 2016...5

December 2016...6

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May 2017...1 June 2017...1 July 2017...0 August 2017...0

September 2017...0 October 2017...0 November 2017...0

December 2017...0

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Patrick Donegan – Report Posted

Advancements/Status Changes

- Lauren Connolly → Dispatcher → Observer → First Aider → ACL
- Help is Needed on the Overnight Shift

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy – Report Given by Chief Casey Orr

Thank you so very much to all that come in and fill the shifts and answer up to the calls, there are so many of you that do this. I do not want to mention names in fear of forgetting someone, you know who you are.

Congrats to Paul Bayer on passing the ambulance orientation and becoming a FA. Paul comes in and does multiple shifts, has a great personality and very eager to move forward. I am honored to have him on my Monday 1500 shift.

I could use a 2nd full crew for the 0700 and a CL for 2nd due on the 1100 and 1900 hour shifts.

I welcome all help on Monday's.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Tuesday afternoon and early evening had been extremely busy the past few weeks. Great job to the on duty crews. Thank you all for finding coverage when you miss a shift. Please check your finger reads to make sure you get credit for all your hard work as we are approaching the end of the quarter.

Independence Day falls on a Tuesday this year. Sign up sheets are posted. Covering a shift, listening up, or stopping by for a few hours would be greatly appreciated.

Parade season is upon us. Independence Day also marks our first parade of the summer. Please represent our amazing organization at as many of the parades as you can.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent – No Report Posted

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Ann Donegan – Report Posted

Congratulations to Joshua Abraham on becoming a new EMT!

Spring has flown by and summer is right around the corner. It is amazing how the call volume seems to have increased so much with the warm weather. Thursday had 35 calls one week and 34 two weeks later. Might I add that there was not one 24 for either day. In fact, Thursday has had only one 24 and that was in early February.

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E-PCR's are now up and running. If you need a refresher, please get one. For every PCR we are able to submit electronically, we earn more money, something we can greatly use.

Stay safe in the hot weather.

Friday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – Report Given by Chief Orr

Congratulations to Evelyn Cruise and Kasey Ryman on passing their dispatch test! These two ladies are such an asset to HCFAS. Good job ladies!

Shout out to Friday 1500! We had a motorcycle -vs- SUV, patient had a fractured femur as well as other injuries. The crew did an excellent job! Sheryl Burke, Eric Nazinitsky, Allison Aievoli, Evelyn Cruise, Seth Fischer, and Greg the medic. They did an excellent job stabilizing the patient and getting him safely to the landing zone. Good job guys!!!

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Andrew Campagnola – Report Posted

- Summer is upon us. As the weather gets nicer we will see an increase in call volume. This last Saturday is a prime example as we responded to 29 alarms. Great job everyone!!
- If anyone wants to come down on any shift on Saturday you are more than welcome.
- I continue to thank all the members that come down at any time on Saturdays. Whether it is for a backup call or 3 shifts, you are appreciated.
- I send out a weekly email that outlines any important information and the current schedule. If you would like to be added to this email list please let me know.
- Good luck to all members that are taking their NYS EMT- B/CC/P Exam this Thursday.
- **0 24's so far this year. Let's keep it up!!**

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYSVARA District 7 Delegate Report - Andrea Golinsky

The New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association held its Executive Board meeting Sunday, May 7th at the Albany Marriott Hotel. John Hussar of Grey Goose Graphics gave a presentation of the new program which will be used for membership renewals. There is still a question of how members who are paid by their squad will be handled. There was also a brief discussion of our plans for Legislative Day which will take place Monday, May 8th. More information will be distributed at the 9 AM meeting at the Capitol.

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Monday, Bob Franz, myself along with Adrian (AJ) Pezzica and Rich Schor of Middle Island FD met with Legislative Director Mike Mastrianni and the rest of the NYSVARA delegation to receive the packets containing our Legislative agenda to present to the Legislators we would be visiting. District 7 had appointments with Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Senator LaValle, Assemblymen Andrew Raia and Chad Lupinacci. We also made cold calls on several other Legislators. Since Rich and AJ had not previously seen the EMS Memorial they were given a tour of the Plaza where both the EMS and FD memorials are located.

Recently, I happened to come across an issue of NYSVARA's newsletter The Blanket dated February 2004. In it was the 2004 Legislative & Policy Agenda Highlights.

Included as part of the agenda were support for legislation pertaining to the following:
Real Property Tax Abatement for Volunteer Emergency Providers- support for a 10% real property tax abatement for EMS providers—**This was signed in to law and we enjoy this benefit as a member of HCFAS.**
Volunteer Emergency Service Personal Tax Credit-provide a personal income tax credit to active Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services personnel. - **This was signed into law and our members can take advantage of this credit if they do not qualify for the property tax abatement.**

Green Light Standard Revision- to revise and update the standard for Green Lights use by volunteer ambulance service members. **This established parity with the revised standard for Blue Light used by Volunteer Firefighters.**

These enactments were accomplished thru the efforts of the members of NYSVARA when they attend Legislative Day in Albany and reach out to their local state government representatives.

Renaissance Downtowns – Andrea Golinsky

Request for Bids went out for Columbia Street Property Construction of new Veterans Homes (across from the Squad).

On Thursday, June 8th I attended the steel beam signing for the building at New York Ave and Northridge St. This is the first of the projects proposed by Renaissance Downtowns. It will have retail stores on the first floor and 8 1bedroom apartments on the second and third floors. They mentioned the visit to Albany regarding turnover of New York State owned land on New York Avenue (Route 110) to Town of Huntington.

2017 HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline July 1st – Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to six (6) five \$100 hundred dollar (\$500) squad scholarships to be given to any non-probationary HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as the sponsoring non-probationary member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the July 2017 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to the Secretary (Bob Franz) as of July 1st, with the appropriate application forms and with the required

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qualifying evidence. The Secretary will receive from the Chief, a declaration that those applicants are non-probationary members or family members of non-probationary members in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must present documentation of at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding year. The applicant must have been enrolled for a minimum of six college credit hours per semester (minimum two semesters) or the equivalent period at a vocational school. All 2016 scholarship winners are not eligible for the 2017 scholarship drawing. The application form is included in this Pulse and is posted on the bulletin board and website. The form can also be found on the mail folder counter at the Squad.

Incomplete applications submitted to the Secretary will be returned and not processed – all required documentation must be attached.

LOSAP 2016 Points – Bob Franz

The 2016 LOSAP Records Listing was approved by the Huntington Town Board on May 9, 2017.

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

NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 5th – Bob Franz

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org or on the bulletin board & must be received by August 7, 2017 (applications postmarked later than the deadline August 5, 2017 will not be considered).

This scholarship is open to squad members and post 215 members. Each year the NYSVARA provides up to three \$500 scholarships. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit as determined by The Scholarship Committee of the Association, whose decisions are final.

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

Peer Review Committee – Keith Davis & Fiona Witkowski -See e-mail for meetings and times. Meeting for Trauma and Live Bleeding will be held next week.

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

Special Events – Brian Canty – The Squad Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at Driftwood Day Camp.

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

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Stand-by – Samantha Mohr – See Postings downstairs in Ready Room.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski – Total Donations collected \$51,229.00

50th Anniversary – Marth Brenner – HCFAS Anniversary Party will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017

Hands-Only CPR – Kathleen Castillo - I want to officially welcome Kelly Murphy and the co-chair to the HOCPR committee. Kelly has been playing this roll for the past few years so it's time to make it official. I also want to welcome Bill Connolly, Ryane Como, Josh Berman and Mike Como to the committee.

Our bike donation was a huge success! We donated 4 bicycles, along with helmets, elbow and knee pads. THANK YOU to all the members who helped put smiles on those kids faces!

Driver Training – Jeffrey Brenner – Presented the proper way to park the Ambulances at Huntington Hospital Emergency Department (ER) Parking area.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Brian Canty inquired about the e-PCR Status. Joanne Vogel inquired about the e-PCR Training and the Chief should sign in to see which officers are using the system.

Captain Andrew Campagnola said that the e-PCR's are in use and there are some kinks in the system. The slowness of the software is being looked into. Members are welcome to use the e-PCR's system. Any Feedback regarding the e-PCR

is appreciated. The Dispatchers are currently keeping track of the e-PCR data. At this time there is no anticipated date as to when one hundred percent usage of the e-PCR will take place. It is a work in progress.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Andrew Taylor, Greg Orr, Angie Kalodukas, Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts:

❖ **Bed Bath & Beyond Gift Card** – Kelly Murphy

❖ **Panera Bread Gift Card** – Diane Tanko

❖ **Outback Gift Card** – Fiona Witkowski

❖ **Home Depot Gift Card** – Bob Biersack

❖ **Piemonte Barbera “Silenzio”** – Tim Ebert

❖ **Natale Verga Chianti** – Mary Jane Woznick

❖ **Dunkin Donuts Gift Card** – Mary Brenner

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❖ **Dunkin Donuts Gift Card** – Andrea Golinsky

❖ **Sports Bag & Water Bottle** – Pete Nakelski

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Hank Waldron to adjourn the meeting at 2055 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible members 63, probationary 5, Total: 68

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: June 22, 2017

Approved: July 10, 2017

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad

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Date: July 10, 2017

Officers:

President John Palmieri	PRESENT
Vice President Seth Fischer	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Keith Tamayo	ABSENT
Ann Schwartz	ABSENT
Richard Stone	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Casey Orr	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Matthew Valle	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Manuel Aviles	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Patrick Donegan	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain David Kaufman	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Ann Donegan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Campagnola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President John Palmieri that the required quorum of 57 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

President John Palmieri had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and for all HCFAS Members and for the two Police Officers who were killed in the Line of Duty this past month.

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41 **Presidents Report** **John Palmieri**

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

46 47 **Secretary's Report** **Robert Franz**

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49 Motion by Mark Brenner and seconded by Fiona Witkowski to approve the June 12, 2017
50 General Membership Meeting Minutes as presented.

51 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

52 53 **Hearing:**

54 On June 15, 2017 the Board of Directors held a hearing on charges against member Tyler Gibbs
55 #1252. The charges against Tyler were sustained and corrective action was imposed.

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57 Correspondence received: We were the recipient of a \$2,060.00 volunteer grant from The Estee
58 Lauder Companies on behalf of their employee and our squad member Brian Block. This is third
59 volunteer grant received from companies that our fellow volunteer members work for. Please
60 check with your employer if they have a similar program. We also received a donation after
61 Captain Kathy Castillo held a HOCPR session. A thank you was received from Kathy Leonard
62 for her anniversary gift.

63 64 **Scholarship Drawing:**

65 We received 8 applications of which 3 were incomplete so we have 5 applications for 6
66 scholarships therefore a drawing is not required. The winners are: Members: Israel Cortes #1174,
67 Beatrice Martinez #1441 and Meaghan Salzone #1244 and Matthew Muszynski son of Diane
68 Muszynski #1417 and Dana Roach daughter of Sheryl Roach #1253. Subsequent to the meeting,
69 an incomplete application was deemed complete and Victoria Martin, daughter of Karen Martin
70 was added to the winner list.

71 72 73 **President's Report** **John Palmieri**

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75 Motion to Approve 50th Anniversary Sweatshirts

76 Motion to Provide Picnic Food/Refreshments

77 Motion to Provide an Ice Cream Vendor for the Picnic

78 Motion to Approve a Member Attendance at a PHTLS Class

79 Motion to Approve Accounting Software

80 Motion to Approve Attendance at EMS World Expo 2017 (Denied)

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82 The President spoke briefly on the importance of emergency medical transport insurance
83 coverage and the importance of individuals to be able to obtain and have access to such
84 insurance. We should all be advocates for this type of coverage.

87 Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty

Financial Review YTD 1/1/17 – 6/30/17

90 **HCAD:**

91	Town Tax Money - \$0.00	
92	Billing Account \$512,006	YTD Billed Total \$ \$1,851,615

94 **Expenses - \$ 583,261.40**

95 **Major Expenses**

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Payroll	\$107,072.11
Billing Services	\$66,650.05
EMS Supplies	\$43,590.87
Vehicles	\$39,441.89
Building	\$47,746.20
Utilities	\$28,045.05
Communications	\$41,417.64
Professional Fee's	\$5,795.00
Insurance	\$98,585.23
Office	\$16,890.54
Uniform	\$3,587.30
Member Inspection	\$45,302.12
Training	\$6,621.22
Public Relations	\$1,170.00
Other Expenditures	\$31,346.18

Totals-Expenses	\$583,261.40
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HCFAS – Squad Money

Income – Fund Drive \$54,721 and Miscellaneous Donations/Interest \$12,746 = \$67,467

Expenses \$44,754.40

Expenses:

Insurance – Life	\$	5,673.24
Fund Drive		152.50
Printing		10,639.00
Events		7,644.67
Goods & Welfare		1,807.99
Miscellaneous		11,801.42
Member Services		7,035.58

Totals-Expenses **\$ 44,754.40**

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Casey Orr

- TOH Fall Festival: Working on EMAP with chamber of commerce. Please keep an eye out for the stand-by list.
- HMFD Fair July 19th – please sign up.
- Standby letter from HMFD arrived on Sunday for their fair. I know it is last minute but all help is appreciated.
- Sign up for GFD & ENFD parades.
- Step being order for Unit 21.
- I am looking into getting all of the vehicles detailed.
- Work details for the probationary members – Tuesday 7/18/17 at 6 PM.
- 2 cardiac arrest saves last week: Tuesday 1500 and Friday 0700.
- Saturday we had a working fire where we treated 3 Firefighter's for minor injuries.
- A donation of CPR pillows is being made to HCFAS. They would like to present at a GMM. Setting up a final date.
- Thank you to Mike & Nancy Barker for holding the RTE class.
- Congratulations to Liz Mohr for becoming an EMT-CC!

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

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Thank you to everyone who came in today and helped out with the busy volume in calls, 9 calls from 2:00 PM today until 6:00 PM, 1 was a traumatic arrest, the second a cardiac arrest. Great job done by all!

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Matthew Valle – Absent - Report Given by Chief Casey Orr

Please see below for my recent updates as Second Deputy. Thank you everyone for your assistance with identifying equipment issues. This is important to ensure they are resolved within a timely manner.

Second Deputy Updates:

- Pre-Hospital Trauma Notification CME was held last Monday with Tim Dackow. Thank you to Tim and all members who attended
- Two Stretchers were repaired by Stryker last week. Thank you to the crews who identified the issues!
- Thank you to Mark Brenner who hosted ALS Core 2 here at headquarters last Thursday. Mark will also be hosting a series of BLS core classes during this week. Please sign up if you're available and are in need of core classes
- Thank you to Barkers for hosting a RTE class last and this month. Additionally, thank you to both Tom Lemp and Jeff Brenner for hosting a few CPR classes!
- Don Freed will be hosting an additional BLS 12 Lead in Service on the evening of July 27th. If you are an EMT and have not yet taken the in service, please sign up. We are currently still live with the Pilot.
- A QA/QI session for Cardiac Arrests with Dr. Brandler will be held at headquarters this Thursday, 7:00 PM. Please join us! Food and Non-Core Credits will be provided

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As always please feel free to share with me any new ideas for both equipment and training initiatives!

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Keith Rubenstein – Absent - Report Given by Chief Casey Orr

Good Evening!

Just a few things out BBQ had a small incident and went up in smoke a new one has been ordered and will arrive tomorrow.

We are working on fixing all the ambulance drug coolers.

The Landscaping looks very good.

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Manuel Aviles – Absent - Report Given by Chief Casey Orr

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Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Patrick Donegan – Report Posted

Help Needed:

- Need help on Sunday overnights.

Notable Call/shift

- The Sunday 1100 on 6/18 had a cardiac arrest who did not survive. The family on the 25th came to HQ with pastries as a token of appreciation.

I want to thank everyone who continues to support the overnight. The overnight is still completely vacant if anyone needs or knows someone who may need hours come on down. All help is appreciated.

Special Thanks to:

Josh Berman, Mike Harlan, Jon Menard, Eric Nazinitsky, Jack Kovalsky, Mike Como, Ryane Como, Bedel Saget, Matt Moran, Sam Ryan, Audin Delva, Alyssa Axelrod, Alex Koltsche and anyone I might have missed. Thank you for continuing to make Sundays successful.

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

Today turned out to be another busy Monday. I want to say a BIG THANK YOU to all of the HCFAS members that showed up and helped out including SCPD Parson's and Garside and a whole bunch of other PD and Huntington Manor FD Chief Chucky Brady for our pedestrian struck / traumatic cardiac arrest. We also had a cardiac arrest just after the MVA vs. Pedestrian. Thank you to Bob Biersack for cleaning up 20 and restocking it so quickly that we were able to go right out on the second arrest. Thank you also to our wonderful dispatchers Robin Smiles and Mary Brenner. In total so far today we are up to 15 calls and the day isn't over.

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I also want to thank our medics. Today Jennifer Masem's shift was over and she packed up and went on the cardiac arrest call to help out even though she was due at her other job. She did both arrest calls. On the 4th of July Mike Allison was punched out and left, however when the stabbing call came in he turned around and came back to HQ's and showed up on scene to help out. I'm glad to have them as part of our team!

I can always use a second due crew for 0700, 1100 and 1500. All welcome to come and help. Again, thank you to everyone.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Thank you to everyone that came in for their regular shift and those who helped to cover Independence Day. It was a busy day with a total of 24 calls.

A cardiac arrest came in at 15:54 behind the 7-Eleven at 1297 New York Avenue. The crew initiated CPR and the patient regained consciousness. Congratulations to M. Allison, M. Barker, N. Barker, J. Cunningham, A. Giusto, S. Mirabelli, K. Sprague-Wong on a job well done.

Other noteworthy calls included a narcan save, a stabbing, an overturn, and a firework injury. Special thanks to Captain Kelly Murphy, Gary Brandel, and Andrew Taylor for being the sole on duty crew for the 1900 and then staying until 05:00 going on back to back calls.

Full List of Independence Day extra special helpers:

Abraham Josh
Aviles Lauren
Aviles Manny
Barker Michael
Barker Nancy
Bayer Paul
Brandel Gary
Brenner Martha
Brenner Pamela
Cruz Javier
Cunningham Joanne
Daniels Jeffrey
Flores Melissa
Florio Joan
Giusto Andrew
Harkins Sean

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284 Ishikawa Kazuo (Spike)
285 Kramer Eric
286 Lemp Thomas
287 Loysch Robert
288 Manning Sara
289 Mayer Douglas
290 Moran Matt
291 Menard Jonathan
292 Miller Michele
293 Mirabelli Stefanie
294 Moran Matthew
295 Murphy Kelly
296 Nazinitsky Eric
297 Neumann Ferd
298 Nucci Carol
299 O'Donnell Christina
300 O'Leary Thomas
301 Paul Joel
302 Reim Karen
303 Rubenstein Keith
304 Schwartz Ann
305 Sprague-Wong Karen
306 Szigethy Alphonse
307 Taylor Andrew
308 Walters Bazeel
309 Watts Nathaniel
310 Wood Elizabeth
311 Woznick Mary J

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314 **Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent - Report Posted and**
315 **given by Chief Casey Orr**

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317 Congratulations to Eric Kramer and Solange Rich on passing their dispatch test and ambulance
318 orientations! You both have been a great addition to your shifts!

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320 Thank you to company 4 for coming in week after week ready to cover calls in a fast and
321 efficient manner.

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Jim Lupo we appreciate you coming in for not only your 1100 shift but additionally our 0700 shift (even though you're not a morning person).

Help Needed:

0700: 2nd due crew leader

1100: 2nd due crew leader or driver.

1500: 2nd due crew leader or driver.

2300: permanent dispatcher.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Ann Donegan – Report Posted

Thank you to all of my Thursday members as well as the members who have been coming in extra to help fill the day. The extra time that you have all put in has kept Thursday 24 free since February. That is amazing. Your dedication overwhelms me.

Thank you also to all of the members who came to the Service for Tyrone Costa's wife Lisa. It was great to see how many of you attended the Service. If there is anything that you can do to help Tyrone at this difficult time, I am sure that he would appreciate it.

ECPR's are available. If anyone needs a refresher please let me know. Beach passes are still available. Let the Chief know if you need one.

Thanks again to all of my Thursday people and extra helpers. You keep the day running and I truly appreciate it.

Friday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – Report Given by Captain Andrew Campagnola

I just want to thank everyone who has come in and helped us out on Fridays. We have so many new members that are willing and eager to learn. Please be understanding and guide them. We were all new at one point and need to remember that we only know what we know because of someone taking the time to help us. I know it can get frustrating sometimes but it's much better to approach someone than it is to talk about them. Each one teach one!!

I will be OOS for a bit starting July 12th. Liz Mohr will be covering me. The rest of July and Casey Orr will be covering me the 1st 2 weeks in August if needed. Any company 8 members, please reach out to these ladies if you would like to come in. I know Friday runs itself and I am so grateful for that! You guys rock!!! I will be available via text at any time! 631-873-7051

Stay safe and love each other.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report– Andrew Campagnola – Report Posted

- Summer is upon us. As the weather has been getting nicer we have seen an increase in call volume. In the month of June we responded to over 100 Alarms.
- If anyone wants to come down on any shift on Saturday you are more than welcome.
- I continue to thank all the members that come down at any time on Saturdays. Whether it is for a backup call or 3 shifts, you are appreciated.
- I send out a weekly email that outlines any important information and the current schedule. If you would like to be added to this email list please let me know.
- Congratulations to all the new EMT's (B, CC,P). As these new EMT's will now need to start ACL'ing you may see them scheduled on your shift for training. If someone does not feel comfortable ACL'ing a member please let your captain know so they can reorganize as needed.
- Saturday saw its 1st mutual aid last month. While running 4 other calls we ran out of ambulances and had to 24 the call to a neighboring department. As this was not a lack of personnel available I still think the members are holding up their side of the deal by being available. I thank everyone that shuffled around to all the different calls that day.
- Saturday Hosted a BBQ that was open to all members. Even though we had a standby for a working fire during the BBQ everyone was able to eat and a fun time was had by all.

397 **Delegate & Committee Reports:**

398 **NYSVARA District 7 Delegate Report - Andrea Golinsky**

399 The next meeting of NYSVARA will take place July 15th at the headquarters of the Haverstraw
400 Volunteer Ambulance Corps. The slate will be set for the election of officers to be held at the
401 annual meeting during PulseCheck 2017. The conference will take place Sept. 21st thru Sept.
402 24th at the Marriott Hotel on Wolf Road in Albany.

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404 HCFAS BOD has approved up to 12 members to attend PulseCheck this year. The sign-up sheet
405 is posted on the bulletin board next to the parade sign-up board. The BOD motion is also posted.
406 If there are any questions please call or email me.

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408 **Renaissance Downtowns – Andrea Golinsky**

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410 The Town of Huntington recently passed a Home Rule bill which would allow the New York
411 State MTA to transfer the property along New York Avenue from Church Street west to Railroad
412 St. and Railroad St. west to the Long Island Railroad Road right of way. A bill has been drafted
413 in the State Legislature which would allow the state commissioner to transfer the property to the
414 Town of Huntington at “fair market value” The bill is sponsored in the Assembly by
415 Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci and in the Senate by Carl Marcellino. Because the TOH home
416 rule bill was done so late and the State budget vote was prolonged, the land transfer bill did not
417 get to the Assembly or Senate. The Legislature has adjourned until January. At that time the bill
418 will be introduced and will have to pass through several steps before it can be considered,
419 probably in March. A vote may be possible in April. At the Source the Station meeting last week
420 I understand a question was raised about squad parking and Andrea Bonilla stated that was taken
421 care of several years ago. That is not the case and we will be keeping close tabs on any
422 developments.

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424 **Suffolk REMSCO – Bob Franz** The July meeting is tomorrow evening at SCEMS in Yaphank
425 starting at 7:00 PM.

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427 **LOSAP 2016 Points – Bob Franz**

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429 The 2016 LOSAP Records Listing was approved by the Huntington Town Board on May 9,
430 2017.
431 In compliance with General Municipal Law, the approved listing was returned to the Squad and
432 posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30 day period which ends on July 15, 2017. It is
433 requested that each member review the information next to their name and report any changes in
434 writing to the President with a copy to the Secretary. Each reported change must be clearly

identified and explained with supporting documentation, if applicable. Please also verify that your legal name is properly indicated.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline ~~August 5th~~ July 30th –

Bob Franz

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org or on the bulletin board & must be received by ~~August 7, 2017~~ July 30th (applications postmarked later than the deadline ~~August 5, 2017~~ July 30th will not be considered). This scholarship is open to squad members and post 215 members. Each year the NYSVARA provides up to three \$500 scholarships. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit as determined by The Scholarship Committee of the Association, whose decisions are final. Applicant must be a high school senior in good academic standing and graduating in June of the year applying or an adult member furthering their education. Applicant must have applied to and be planning to enroll and pursue a course of study in an accredited college or university.

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Member Mail Folders – Bob Franz

Reminder: Each time you come on your shift, please check your mail folder for any correspondence etc. and please do not use your folder for storage. Thanks.

Peer Review Committee – Keith Davis & Fiona Witkowski – The Subject will be Cardiac Arrest this Thursday Night at 7:00 to 9:00 PM Lecture to be given by Dr. Brandler.

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

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

Special Events Committee - Brian Canty - The HCFAS Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at Driftwood Day Camp.

Post 215 – Sue Otto – we have 32 members and expect 20 to march in the HMFD parade.

Stand-by – Samantha Mohr – See Postings downstairs in the Ready Room and emails.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski – Total Donations collected \$54,508.00

50th Anniversary – Martha Brenner – We will be sending e-vites to all Members for the 50th Anniversary Party. The 50th Anniversary Party will be held on September 16, 2017. All Members please sign up downstairs in the ready room for your 50th Anniversary Hoodies. Rich Stone is the winner of the historical question this evening.

Hands Only CPR – Kathleen Castillo - So, a company saw the interview I gave at the Community bike affair in May. They were so touched by what we did, they reached out and will be donating 5 CPR pillows to us. We have a great group of members on the HOCPR committee and my goal is to expand even more! If you are interested in joining the committee, please reach out to either myself or Kelly Murphy.

Old Business:

Mary Winter asked a question about training that new members have that are riding the ambulances. Chief Orr said that operations are researching on line classes similar to ARC.

Are new members receiving training for ePCRs? All New Members have been trained to use the ePCR as well as the per diem Paramedics. Chief Casey Orr is looking into Rescue Medic software that Commack Volunteer Ambulance is currently using.

Brian Canty mentioned that Commack's Rescue Medic is faster and more beneficial than Ambu-Pro. He stated that the program is less expensive and more user friendly. Brian says that the bills go out faster and in turn receive payment quicker.

New Business:

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Roger Winter announced that we now have a new HCFAS parade 50th Anniversary Banner. Roger designed the Banner. Roger also mentioned that CPR Saves should be acknowledged in the Pulse and on the HCFAS Website.

Andrea Golinsky stated that Cardiac Saves are recognized by REMSCO and they have to be written up right after the Crew leaves the Hospital.

Diane Tanko needs two people to carry the banner in the Parades. She suggested that we recognize those individuals who go above and beyond including all out of state member who are still active in the squad. Diane also takes care of the marquis sign in front of the building.

Joanne Vogel inquired about member recognition. She wanted to know if it was still in effect. She has not seen any recognitions in a while. Chief Orr stated that it takes a while for them to receive the Gift Cards and they are working on distribution of the Gift Cards.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee:

Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Andrew Taylor, Carol Nucci, Angie Kalodukas, Kevin McCann, Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts

- **Piemonte Barbera “Silenzio”** – Mary Winter
- **Home Depot Gift Card** – Chrissie Russo Tedone
- **Outback Gift Card** – Roger Winter
- **Bed Bath & Beyond Gift Card** – Andrea Golinsky
- **Panera Bread Gift Card** – Tony Cruz
- **Natale Verga Chianti** - Annette Hershkowitz
- **Dessert at Outback** – Gerry Giacomini
- **Desert at Outback** – Samantha Mohr
- **Dessert at Outback** – Rodriguens Gabriel
- **Dessert at Outback** – Timothy Quigley
- **Dessert at Outback** – Mary Brenner

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Andrew Campagnola to adjourn the meeting at 2049 hours.

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MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible members 58, probationary 8, Total: 66

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: August 2, 2017

Approved: August 14, 2017

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad

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Date: August 14, 2017

Officers:

President John Palmieri	PRESENT
Vice President Seth Fischer	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Keith Tamayo	ABSENT
Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Richard Stone	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Casey Orr	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Matthew Valle	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Manuel Aviles	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Patrick Donegan	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	ABSENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain David Kaufman	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Ann Donegan	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Campagnola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President John Palmieri that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 54).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Ferd Neumann

President John Palmieri had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way. All Veterans and all HCFAS Members, especially Jerry Giacomini.

A Motion was made by Andrea Golinsky to dedicate tonight's General Membership Meeting in Memory of Life Member Jerry Giacomini #349. The Motion was seconded by David Mohr. All the members were in favor.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

This evening we dedicate the General Membership Meeting in Loving Memory of Lifetime Member and good Friend, Jerry Giacomini whose contagious laugh, zest for life, vivacious sense of humor and unyielding loyalty to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad will

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forever remain in our memories and in our hearts. Rest easy and at Peace, our dear friend, Jerry. You will be sorely missed by all of us but never forgotten.

Presidents Report John Palmieri

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

John spoke briefly about some fond memories of Jerry as a Squad member. The Sergeant at Arms position will remain vacant for the remainder of the year in memory of Jerry. The Chair in the front of the room will also remain vacant except for Jerry's 50th Anniversary Hoodie.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers:

- Get Well Wishes are being sent to Roger Winter #496

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

- Lifetime Member and Good Friend, Jerry Giacomini #349
- Richard M. Neumann, Ferd's Neumann's Brother

Longevity Awards (Length of Service):

20 Years of Service

Joseph Gander #1166

15 Years of Service

Arlene Lindsay #1067

5 Years of Service

Elizabeth Beach #1377

Nathan Bruskin #1380

Shayna Castagna #1381

Motion made by President John Palmieri and seconded by Andrew Campagnola to change the order of the meeting to hear the following Proposed By-Laws Amendments:

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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Proposed By-Law Changes #01-2017 & #02-2017 – Read by David Mohr - Chairman of the By-Laws Committee:

There will be a second Reading of these Amendments at the September Meeting at which time they will be voted upon.

Proposal: #01-2017

To realign the functions of the Second and Third Deputy Chief's and move operational responsibility for maintenance of the building(s) to the Board of Directors.

Background/Justification:

As the size of the organization has increased, the amount of work associated with the maintenance of the vehicles and building(s) has increased to a point that it has become unaccomplishable.

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

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eight Directors shall be elected by the membership. The Board of Directors will, from amongst themselves, elect by majority vote a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These elections will take place immediately prior to the next regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. A vacancy for a Board office will be filled at the earliest convenience of the Board following the occurrence of the vacancy.

The Board of Directors shall be responsible to make work assignments for the orderly and clean maintenance of headquarters and sub-stations.

The Squad Chief shall not be an officer of the Board of Directors. The Squad Chief shall be the sole elected Operational Officer serving on the Board of Directors.

SECTION 11 - 2ND DEPUTY SQUAD CHIEF

The 2nd Deputy Squad Chief shall be responsible to arrange and secure the proper and accredited first aid training for members of the Corporation, ~~and to see that all first aid equipment is operative and available.~~ The 2nd Deputy Squad Chief will chair or, with the approval of the Chief, appoint a chairperson for the Review Training Committee ~~and the New First Aid Equipment Committee.~~

SECTION 12 - 3RD DEPUTY SQUAD CHIEF

The 3rd Deputy Squad Chief shall be responsible for the maintenance of the vehicles proper to insure their intended function, and to see that all first aid equipment is operative and available. The 3rd Deputy Squad Chief will chair or, with the approval of the Chief, appoint a chairperson for the New First Aid Equipment Committee.

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~~The 3rd Deputy Chief shall be responsible to make work assignments for the orderly and clean maintenance of the headquarters and the sub-stations, as per the Building Maintenance Committee's regulations.~~

The 3rd Deputy Squad Chief will be the chairman of the House Rules Committee ~~and the Building Maintenance Committee~~. He shall be a member of the New Vehicle Committee.

Proposed by: John Palmieri #495, Joseph Nappi #753 and Matthew Valle #1238

Proposal: #02-107

Replace the requirement to have a Responding to Emergencies Card with the American Heart Association HeartSaver First Aid Online course.

Background/Justification:

This course will replace the Responding to Emergencies course. It takes approximately 3½ hours to complete on line after which there is a skills practice and testing session. This will allow non-EMT First Aiders to do most of the recertification on line. They will then be able to coordinate with a AHA instructor to do the practical session. The certification is valid for 24 months.

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

SECTION 3 - DEFINITION

a) These By-Laws follow the convention that "he" means "he or she".

b) "Properly certified per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws" means:

1. For members accepted prior to January 1, 2016, possessing a valid ~~an American Red Cross Responding to Emergencies Card~~ American Heart Association HeartSaver First Aid Online certification and a BLS CPR Card, or a New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) or higher certification.
2. For members accepted after ~~to~~ January 1, 2016, possessing a valid BLS CPR card until receiving their New York State Medical Technician (Basic) or higher certification in accordance with Article III, Section 2.

Proposed by: Casey Orr #1283, Matthew Valle #1238 and Elizabeth Wuestman #1399

Secretary's Report – By Robert Franz

Motion by Tyler Gibbs and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to approve the July 10, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes, as posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence received:

We were the recipient of a \$500.00 volunteer grant from Medtronic Your Cause on behalf of their employee and our squad member Claire Tesoriero. This is fourth volunteer grant received

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from companies that our fellow volunteer members work for. Please check with your employer if they have a similar program.

Thank you cards for: Services rendered: Robert & Betty Vienne and from the family of Christian Kopf and HCFAS scholarship thank you from Dana Roach and Victoria Martin.

SOP Change Approved: The proposed SOP 01-2017 amending Article II Member Guidelines, Section 2 – On Duty Crews, Paragraph 2 Duty Tour Schedule was approved by the Board of Directors on August 3, 2017. The amendment instituted a procedure for changes to a member's finger read record and use of the Finger Reader Adjustment Form and made the First Deputy Chief in charge of finger read record adjustments.

President's Report John Palmieri

- Motion to Approve 50th Anniversary Journals, Pins, Window Stickers, Photographer and DJ.
- Motion to Approve 2018 Budget to the Town of Huntington.
- Motion to Approve the 2016 Financial Statements.
- Motion to Approve a Contract with ESO Solutions, Inc., for e-PCR.
- HCFAS is looking into getting a new ambulance, a new roof, new first responder vehicles and a new parking lot in its 5 year capital plan presented to the TOH.
- The Town of Huntington has given HCFAS a deposit towards the purchase of a new ambulance for 2017/2018.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – No Report

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Casey Orr - Report Posted

- Thank you to everyone who has come out for the parades. Greenlawn parade is on August 31st. I will be away so Liz Mohr will be in charge.
- 21 will be going to VCI after 18 comes back from Proliner tomorrow to get the step fixed. All vehicle information has been sent over so the right part is ordered.
- Ellen from SCFRES has been notified about the 2 cardiac arrest saves last month.
- Any time a vehicle goes in service or OOS, please send a text message to the OOS/INSVC group via the pager interface in SCM. This let's ALL of the Chief's & Captains know what is going on with them and allows me to stay on top of them getting fixed.
- I have gone through most of our vehicles. I am going to be slowly start to have the back steps, diamond plating and the missing side bars.
- More work details will be coming up for probationary members.
- I will be away from August 26th – September 3rd – Any issues, please contact Liz Mohr.

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

Thank you to everyone for all the hard work this year! The summer is winding down and school starts next Month. Please remember to take caution when driving, especially when school is back in.

Just a reminder, if you get into an accident the following people MUST be notified, 1st Deputy Chief, 3rd Deputy Chief, Day Captain and if possible the Chief.

Please take a look at your finger readers for the year, as much as we are looking at hours each quarter, you still need shifts for your LOSAP as well as for your gift card. Getting suspended for lack of hours makes you ineligible for the gift card at the end of the year since you would not be a member in good standing.

Myself and the Captains are here if anyone has questions about hours and shifts. If the Captain is unable to help you please feel free to reach out to me.

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Matthew Valle – Report Posted

Please see below for my recent updates as Second Deputy. Thank you everyone for your assistance with identifying equipment issues. This is important to ensure they are resolved within a timely manner.

Second Deputy Updates:

- Please remember that we are still live with our BLS 12 lead pilot program for our providers who were in serviced. Any questions, feel free to contact Don Freed or Myself. Thank you also to Don for conducting an additional training class last month!
- Thank you to Huntington Mazda who recently donated 4 CPR Manikins to us last week! Also, to the members who attended the donation event.
- Dr. Brandler also conducted a peer review class last month on Cardiac Arrest. A great turnout and hard work conducted by the Peer Review Committee
- Jeff Brenner will be hosting a hyperbaric CME on 8/16/17.
- Dr. Bitterman from Huntington Orthopedics will be presenting on 8/22/17 on orthopedic injuries. Hands on skills will also be conducted by our members.
- Looking for a CL or DR and FAs for the Huntington Hospital Decon Drill this Friday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

As always, please feel free to share with me any new ideas for both equipment and training initiatives!

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Keith Rubenstein – Absent - Report Posted – Report Given by Captain Andrew Campagnola

2-15-18 air conditioning has been fixed along with the ALS cabinet door. We will be rotating rigs to get the ALS cabinet door fixed. A new latch has been ordered and will be installed this week on 81. The leaks around the building are being fixed pending one waiting on a heavy rain

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storm to find the leak. I will also be fixing the hose this week in south 5 and other questions or comments please e-mail me thank you.

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Manuel Aviles – Report Posted

July Stats (July 1, 2017- July 31, 2017)

Alarms.....4041 as 8/14/17 at 3:31 PM

Signal 24's..... 26 (0.6)

Duplicate calls.....154

Deleted calls..17

Signal 24 breakdown by Day of Week as of July 9, 2017

Sunday.....3 (YTD)

Monday.....1 (YTD)

Tuesday..... 5(YTD)

Wednesday.....8 (YTD)

Thursday..... 1(YTD)

Friday.....6 (YTD)

Saturday.....3 (YTD)

January 2016..4 February 2016...12 March 2016...6 April 2016...1

May 2016...5 June 2016...4 July 2016...5 August 2016...9

September 2016...4 October 2016...8 November 2016...5

December 2016...6

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January 2017...7 February 2017...3 March 2017...3 April 2017...6

May 2017...1 June 2017...5 July 2017...1 August 2017...0

September 2017...0 October 2017...0 November 2017...0

December 2017...0

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Patrick Donegan – Report Posted

Thank You to everyone who continues to help out on Sundays. I am looking for overnight help for Sundays every week. Thank you to everyone who continues to answer up on Sundays. A huge thank you goes out to all my Sunday people.

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Keep up with Review Trainings monthly, please do your checkouts, and please, oh please, clean up after yourselves.

Other than those few things it is an absolute pleasure to ride with each and every one of you. Thank you for all your continued hard work.

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

Good evening everyone. My apologies for not being here I was called into work. So far today we are up to 20 calls 2 of which were cardiac arrests and it's currently the middle of the day as I type this. I am happy to say because of you we didn't have to 24 any of those calls. I think we have a great bunch of members at HCFAS. Thank you for all you do.

I would like to welcome back Kristin Tiersch. Kristin will be riding the 1500 shift on Mondays. Congrats on passing your dispatch test today and passing ambulance orientation today as well.

Please remember to check out your rigs, I have been hearing about members not restocking after calls or leaving the rig a mess. It is your job to do these things after calls and when you first come in on your shift.

I can always use a second due crew for 0700, 1100 and 1500 Hour Shifts. All welcome to come and help. Again, thank you to everyone and enjoy the rest of the month.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Thank you to all the Tuesday members for all your hard work on calls, checkouts and chores! Congratulations to Doug Mayer on becoming a paramedic!

All members please remember to be careful with all of our vehicles and treat all of our equipment with respect. We need our equipment in the best possible condition to care for and transport our patients to the best of our ability.

Please remember to RSVP to the 50th Anniversary Party using the electronic invitation.

Thank you to the following people for Backup Calls/Shifts/Coverage:
Bobby Loysch, Jeff Brenner, Kelly Murphy, Eric Nazinitsky, Fiona Witkowski,
Bob Biersack, Tyler Gibbs, John Mancino, Jonathan Domanick, Joshua Abraham,
Tom O'Leary.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent – No Report

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Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Ann Donegan – Absent - Report Posted – Report Given by Captain Patrick Donegan

Thank you to all who help make Thursdays the day it is. On August 3rd, the eleven hundred shift along with the seven hundred shift worked an MVA at Park Avenue and Fifth Street and treated and transported seven patients.

Thanks to Bob Biersack, Spike Ishikawa, Tom O'Leary, Jeffrey Brenner, Fiona Witkowski and Tom Curry for a job well done. There were nineteen calls and twenty-six patients treated for the day.

Congratulations to Louis Dell on his upcoming Wedding Day on the nineteenth of this month.

Once again, Thursday's members are an awesome bunch. They are always ready and able to do anything needed to help the day and work numerous amounts of calls. Many of them do multiple shifts as well. I am very proud to know them all.

Friday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – No Report

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report– Andrew Campagnola – Report Posted

- If anyone wants to come down on any shift on Saturday you are more than welcome.
- I continue to thank all the members that come down at any time on Saturdays. Whether it is for a backup call or 3 shifts, you are appreciated.
- I send out a weekly email that outlines any important information and the current schedule. If you would like to be added to this email list please let me know.
- Saturday Hosted a BBQ that was open to all members. We are looking to have 1 more by the end of the Summer. All are welcome. I will send an email out when we have it scheduled.
- This past Saturday Night (8/12/17) the crew responded to alarm number 4000. This happened while the crew was in the process of responding to a total of 12 calls for the 8 hour shift. This is more than the other 16 hours of the day combined.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYSVARA District 7 Delegate Report - Andrea Golinsky

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

The next meeting of NYSVA&RA District 7 will be held tomorrow evening at the headquarters of South Country Ambulance in Brookhaven. All members are invited to attend. PulseCheck 2107 will be held Sept. 21st – 24th at the Marriott Hotel in Albany. I will be reserving hotel rooms and registering those that have been approved.

Public Relations

It has been a busy few weeks for the squad. On July 26th Chief Casey Orr, 1st Dep. Liz Mohr and several members took part in a press conference held at the Huntington Mazda dealership. Also present were Senator Carl Marcellino and Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci. The Mazda dealership donated 4 CPR manikins to us.

August 1st HCFAS took part in the National Night Out event held at Manor Field. This is an annual event held across the country to allow the community and police to meet each and to have some interaction via music, games and giveaways. This year HCFAS had information about becoming a member, our Explorers and gave ambulance tours. One big attraction this year was the opportunity to learn Hands Only CPR. Thanks to Captain Kelly Murphy, Josh Berman and Andrew Taylor several people were taught this life saving technique. Thank you also to Ex-Chief Tom Lemp who has been our driver for the last few years.

Saturday, August 5th I attended a press conference at the Stop & Shop on E. Jericho Turnpike. This was due to an urgent call by Councilwoman Tracey Edwards for food donations for the Tri-CYA. The call for help went to non-profits and other organizations. Stop & Shop offered to donate baskets of food for the next 5 weeks.

Source the Station-Renaissance Downtowns – Andrea Golinsky

The Source the Station meeting was held August 10th at the Ricon Criollo on E. Jericho Tnpk. Ryan Porter arrived late and did not give a formal report on the status of the RD projects. However, I did have an opportunity to speak to him about the bill that is currently in the NYS Legislature regarding the transfer of the NY Ave property from the DOT to Town of Huntington and then to RD. He did say that their original proposal to only replace the used parking spaces in the town parking lots was not accepted and all displaced parking spots must be replaced. There may be other restrictions placed by the DOT before the transfer is complete. The bill is not going to come before the Assembly and Senate before probably March 2018.

We are hoping to set up appointments with Assemblyman Lupinacci and Senator Marcellino in the near future to discuss our issues.

SC FRES Recruitment Committee SERVES Program – Bob Franz

- The SERVES Administrative Guide is posted on the bulletin board and can also be found on the Suffolk bravest website.
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will receive a reimbursement based upon a sliding scale related to their GPA. **Completed applications must be submitted no later than October 1st for the Fall semester and February 1st for the Spring semester.** Applications are date stamped upon receipt and the earliest dated applications shall be reviewed first as SERVES funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first served basis.

- For more information about SERVES go to www.suffolksbravest.com/pdf/currentSERVESguide.pdf.
- This is NOT an educational program; it is a retention program designed to help keep Members in the Volunteer Fire & EMS Service. The student must maintain acceptable volunteer activity and training levels as set forth by HCFAS during their entire course of study and must continue this service for a period of time after receipt of total SERVES funds (post education commitment).

Peer Review Committee – Keith Davis & Fiona Witkowski – Dr. Bitterman a Surgeon from Huntington Hospital Orthopedics will be here on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 to lecture about Orthopedic Injuries. Please see e-mails for times and other details.

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

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

Driver Training - Jeffrey Brenner – There is a new Driver Training Program being instituted. The program is considered Continuing Education and a new SOP will be written within the next two months. Jeff is now an EVOC Instructor and if anyone is interested please contact him for more information regarding EVOC training.

Special Events Committee - Brian Canty - The HCFAS Annual Picnic was a huge success and a great time was had by all who attended this event. Brian and his Staff did an outstanding job. Brian thanked Two Roads Brewery who generously donated ten (10) cases of Beer for the HCFAS Picnic.

Stand-by – Samantha Mohr – Please see Postings for downstairs in the ready room.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski – Total Donations collected \$80,023.00.

50th Anniversary – Martha Brenner – E-vites for the 50th Anniversary Party have gone out to all the Members. As of yesterday there have been 249 Responses. Martha said that e-vites will be sent out again to members who have not yet responded. She said the Party is going to be a lot of Fun.

Old Business:

Joanne Vogel asked about the Status of the question that she asked at the July General Membership Meeting regarding Member Recognition Awards for Members. Chief Orr said that the program still exists and they are still waiting for the Gift Cards to arrive.

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The length of time it takes for the Vehicles to be repaired was discussed.
The Status of e-PCR was discussed. A contract with a new vendor should be signed shortly.

New Business:

Jeff Brenner asked if there was a revised Uniform code being put in affect. President Palmieri said Yes and said that a revised uniform code is in the works and will probably be posted on the website.

The Chief stated that the New 50th Anniversary Hoodies are not considered part of our Squad Duty Uniforms.

A Motion was made by Brian Canty and seconded by Jeffrey Brenner to help out Associate Member Doreen Pagano who has Bi-lateral breast cancer and is in financial need. HCFAS has agreed to donate \$250.00 which will come from the Membership Dues to assist Doreen in her time of need. The Motion was carried. All Members are in Favor.

A Second Motion was made by Brian Canty and seconded by Tyler Gibbs to donate \$250.00 to ship our old CPR Mannequins to Costa Rica. David Mohr made an amended Motion for the Board of Directors to consider the entire cost (Approximately \$1,000) of the Shipping of the Mannequins to Costa Rica. The Motion will go before the Board of Directors at their Meeting which will take place on Thursday evening. All Members were in favor.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee:

Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Andrew Taylor, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Angie Kalodukas, Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts

- **Bed, bath & Beyond Gift Card** – Lehti Laas
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- **Home Depot Gift Card** – George Reeder
- **Perserverance Cabernet Sauvignon** – Andrew Giusto
- **Chateau Moulin De Mallet Bordeaux** – Thomas O’Leary
- **Dessert at Outback** – Mary Brenner
- **Desert at Outback** – Donald Freed
- **Dessert at Outback** – Nancy Barker
- **Dessert at Outback** – Carmen Schlieben

Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Lorrie Stone to adjourn the meeting at 2045 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible members 62, probationary 13, Total: 75

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Q. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: August 18, 2017

Approved: September 11, 2017

Approved SOP #01-2017 – As Approved by the Board of Directors on August 3, 2017

Proposal:

To institute a procedure for changes to a member's finger read record.

Background/Justification:

Chief's Order 01-2017 and Board of Directors motion dated December 15, 2016.

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

Article II - Member Guidelines, Section 2 - On-Duty Crews, Paragraph:

2. Duty Tour Schedule

A. Upon arriving at headquarters each member should sign-in using the finger reader. If a change to a member's finger read record is needed, for any reason, the Finger Reader Adjustment Form (HCFAS Form 412) must be completed by the member and forwarded to their Captain, or the Vice-President in the case of Administrative members, or the First Deputy Chief in the case of Company 8 personnel, for approval and signature. It is the members' responsibility to check and monitor their finger read record. It is solely the responsibility of the First Deputy Chief to make any and all adjustments to a member's finger read record. If the member requesting the finger read record adjustment is any Chief Officer, a Captain, a Company 8 member, sibling, spouse, children, partner or any other related family member of

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the First Deputy Chief, the Chief and President must also sign the form before the First Deputy Chief can make the adjustment.

B. The Duty Tour Schedule will inform you of what a crewmembers responsibilities you are expected to serve on your duty tour.

C. At times the Day Captain may write pertinent information for the crew on the Duty Tour Schedule that you will be expected to read.

Article I - Chain of Command, Section 2 - First Deputy Chief:

1. The First Deputy Chief is the second Operational Officer in the Chain of Command. The First Deputy shall be prepared to assume the responsibilities of the Chief.
2. The First Deputy Chief is in charge of personnel, Company 8, finger read record adjustments, and Driver Training.

Proposed SOP Change 01-2017

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Officers:

President John Palmieri	PRESENT
Vice President Seth Fischer	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Keith Tamayo	ABSENT
Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Richard Stone	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Casey Orr	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Matthew Valle	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Manuel Aviles	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Patrick Donegan	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	ABSENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain David Kaufman	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Ann Donegan	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Campagnola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 19:36 hours

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Ferd Neumann

Presidents Report **John Palmieri**

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

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Longevity Awards (Length of Service): President Palmieri made a Presentation to Tom Hogan and Brian Canty for their years of service to HCFAS.

30 Years of Service

Brian Canty #757

25 Years of Service

Tom Hogan #879

Chief Casey Orr recognized the following:

15 Years of Service

Joel Paul #1068

5 Years of Service

Patrick Donegan #1383

A Motion was made by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Jeffrey Brenner to change the order of the meeting to hear the Second reading of the following Proposed By-Law Amendments:

Proposed By-Law Changes #01-2017 and #02-2017 - Read by David Mohr - Chairman of the By-Laws Committee and each was discussed voted upon by ballot vote. The proposed By-Laws amendments and vote results follow.

Proposal: #01-2017 – Proposed by John Palmieri #499, Joseph Nappi #753 and Matthew Valle #1238.

To realign the functions of the Second and Third Deputy Chief's and move operational responsibility for maintenance of the building(s) to the Board of Directors.

Background/Justification:

As the size of the organization has increased, the amount of work associated with the maintenance of the vehicles and building(s) has increased to a point that it has become unaccomplishable.

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

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eight Directors shall be elected by the membership. The Board of Directors will, from amongst themselves, elect by majority vote a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These elections will take place immediately prior to the next regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. A vacancy for a Board office will be filled at the earliest convenience of the Board following the occurrence of the vacancy.

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The Board of Directors shall be responsible to make work assignments for the orderly and clean maintenance of headquarters and sub-stations.

The Squad Chief shall not be an officer of the Board of Directors. The Squad Chief shall be the sole elected Operational Officer serving on the Board of Directors.

SECTION 11 - 2ND DEPUTY SQUAD CHIEF

The 2nd Deputy Squad Chief shall be responsible to arrange and secure the proper and accredited first aid training for members of the Corporation, ~~and to see that all first aid equipment is operative and available.~~ The 2nd Deputy Squad Chief will chair or, with the approval of the Chief, appoint a chairperson for the Review Training Committee ~~and the New First Aid Equipment Committee.~~

SECTION 12 - 3RD DEPUTY SQUAD CHIEF

The 3rd Deputy Squad Chief shall be responsible for the maintenance of the vehicles proper to insure their intended function, and to see that all first aid equipment is operative and available. The 3rd Deputy Squad Chief will chair or, with the approval of the Chief, appoint a chairperson for the New First Aid Equipment Committee.

~~The 3rd Deputy Chief shall be responsible to make work assignments for the orderly and clean maintenance of the headquarters and the sub-stations, as per the Building Maintenance Committee's regulations.~~

The 3rd Deputy Squad Chief will be the chairman of the House Rules Committee ~~and the Building Maintenance Committee.~~ He shall be a member of the New Vehicle Committee.

Proposal: #02-2017 – Proposed by: Casey Orr #1283, Matthew Valle #1238 and Elizabeth Wuestman #1399.

Replace the requirement to have a Responding to Emergencies Card with the American Heart Association HeartSaver First Aid Online course.

Background/Justification:

This course will replace the Responding to Emergencies course. It takes approximately 3½ hours to complete on line after which there is a skills practice and testing session. This will allow non-EMT First Aiders to do most of the recertification on line. They will then be able to coordinate with a AHA instructor to do the practical session. The certification is valid for 24 months.

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

SECTION 3 - DEFINITION

a) These By-Laws follow the convention that "he" means "he or she".

b) "Properly certified per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws" means:

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1. For members accepted prior to January 1, 2016, possessing a valid ~~an American Red Cross Responding to Emergencies Card~~ American Heart Association HeartSaver First Aid Online certification and a BLS CPR Card, or a New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) or higher certification.
2. For members accepted after ~~to~~ January 1, 2016, possessing a valid BLS CPR card until receiving their New York State Medical Technician (Basic) or higher certification in accordance with Article III, Section 2.

By-Laws Amendments Voting Results:

01-2017 - For 54 Against 8

Result: Pass (2/3 vote would be 42)

02-2017 - For 49 Against 14

Result: Pass (2/3 vote would be 52)

Secretary Franz thanked all the members who assisted with the By-Laws Amendments voting.

Motion to destroy the ballots was made by Brian Canty and seconded by Mark Brenner

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Secretary's Report – By Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Tony Cruz to approve the August 14, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes, as amended.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Thank you cards received for: Services rendered: Geralynn Stanantino on behalf of her son Michael and Robert & Betty Vienne on behalf of their son Kevin (last month was on behalf of her husband); Good & Welfare: Roger Winter for a fruit basket and Jean Giacomini (wreath in memory of Jerry) and 50th Anniversary congratulations from NYSVARA President Henry Ehrhardt.

SOP Change Not Approved: The proposed SOP #02-2017 amending Article X, Section 1 (A), (17), (f) Quarterly Meal Allowance was not approved by the Board of Directors on August 17, 2017. The amendment instituted a procedure to simplify the Quarterly Meal Allowance distribution and paper work.

President's Report John Palmieri

President Palmieri discussed the proposed quarterly meal allowance SOP that was not approved by the Board of Directors at the request of Operations. A question was raised pertaining the meal allowance for Administrative members.

President Palmieri mentioned the various standard Election Day Motions that were approved at the last Board of Directors meeting and dues for various Fire and EMS organizations.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – A clarification was made of today's

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e-mail regarding the use of an Uber or Taxi after the 50th Anniversary Party that the maximum \$50.00 reimbursement includes the tip which should not exceed 20%.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Casey Orr – Report Posted

- 2-15-21: Step has not been fixed yet; was intended to go out the week of the last GMM but VCI has run into several issues obtaining the manufacturer step. We have decided to go another route and go with a different step in hopes that this will get done quicker. Me and Keith Tamayo have been keeping in touch with VCI weekly to ensure that this finally gets done.
- Fall Festival: Signup is downstairs on the red board. Please sign up ASAP so I can make sure we have everything covered before I go away. Right now we need:
 - Friday, October 6th: Full Crew
 - Saturday, October 7th:
 - 10a-2p: 2 Dr's & ALS
 - 2p-6p: 2 full crews & driver
 - Bike Team Members
 - Sunday, October 8th:
 - 10a-2p: 2 full crews
 - 2p-6p: 1 full crews & 1 driver
 - Bike Team Members
 - Monday, October 9th:
 - Full Crew is needed
- Thank you to all of you who attended the Greenlawn Fair 2 weeks back and thank you to Chief Liz Mohr for handling everything while I was out of town.
- I will be out of town from October 2-11th for a wedding. Any issues between that time period please see Liz Mohr.
- Members of the month.
- Portable chargers, pins & stickers.
- At the last BOD meeting we brought in 4 new members, 2 of which were POST 215 members.
- When borrowing the tables & chairs, please make sure you have approval before hand and that they get returned in a timely manner.

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- Remember to clean up the mess in the back of the ambulance and replace everything you used after each call. The Chiefs have gotten several complaints over the last few weeks and all crews have been spoken to.
- Sunday 0700 crew had a save in the field but unfortunately the patient expired in the CCU. Good job to Manny Aviles, Jim Barkocy, Gary Brandel, Eileen Burns, Jeffrey Daniels, Joanne Peters and Beatrice Martinez.
- HCFAS.org e-mail discussion – Andrew Campagnola.
- Lights in the truck room: Dale & Bob have started to replace the lights in the truck room. We needed to order more lights and they will continue to replace them over the next few weeks. Any members who would like to help out Bob and Dale please let me know.
- Standby Crews from Dix Hills, Cold Spring Harbor, Commack ambulance and Sayville will be here from 5:00 PM until 7:00 AM for the HCFAS 50th Anniversary Party.

Chief Casey Orr presented Gift cards in recognition of being a monthly outstanding member to various members.

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

Welcome back to Fall everyone! With fall coming that means the fall festival is right around the corner, members are needed for Standby's. Anyone available the sign up is downstairs.

Just a reminder, if you get into an accident the following people MUST be notified, 1st Deputy Chief, 3rd Deputy Chief, Day Captain and if possible the Chief.

The 3rd Quarter ends at the end of the month, please look into your hours and talks to your Captains if you are behind. If they cannot help you please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you to everyone who has done such an amazing job keeping our 24 rate down. You guys are doing an amazing job, please keep up the hard work!

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Matthew Valle – Absent - No Report

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Keith Rubenstein – Absent – No Report

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258 **Chief Dispatcher's Report - Manuel Aviles – Report Posted**

259 **August Stats:**

260 (August 1, 2017- august 31, 2017)

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262 Alarms.....4506 as 9/11/17 at 4:01 PM
263 Signal 24's..... 29 (0.6)
264 Duplicate calls.....159
265 Deleted calls..18

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267 **Signal 24 breakdown by Day of Week as of September 11, 2017**

268 Sunday.....4 (YTD)
269 Monday.....1 (YTD)
270 Tuesday..... 5(YTD)
271 Wednesday.....8 (YTD)
272 Thursday..... 1(YTD)
273 Friday.....8 (YTD)
274 Saturday.....3 (YTD)

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276 **January 2016...4 February 2016...12 March 2016...6 April 2016...1**

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278 **May 2016...5 June 2016...4 July 2016...5 August 2016...9**

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280 **September 2016...4 October 2016...8 November 2016...5**

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282 **December 2016...6**

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284 **January 2017...7 February 2017...3 March 2017...3 April 2017...6**

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286 **May 2017...1 June 2017...5 July 2017...1 August 2017...2**

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288 **September 2017...1 October 2017...0 November 2017...0**

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290 **December 2017...0**

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292 **Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Patrick Donegan – Absent - Report Posted and given**
293 **By Captain Andrew Campagnola**

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295 Thank You to everyone who continues to help Sundays, I'm consistently amazed by the hard
296 work and dedication I witness here every day. My Sunday people who continue to go above
297 and beyond your help does not go unnoticed.
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A huge thank you to Jack Kovalsky and Venel Grimadeau for being my unofficial overnight, as well as Eric Nazinitsky, Lauren Connolly, Mike Harlan, Audin Delva, Andrew Campagnola, Rich Cortes, John Domanick, Katie Donegan and Seth Fisher.

As always Sundays are in need of an overnight crew. If you are available to do part or all of the overnight any week please let me know any and all help is appreciated. Thank You to all of you for helping make Sundays successful.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy – Absent – Report given by Captain Andrew Campagnola

I am continuously thankful to all the Monday crews and all the members that come in and cover shifts, we all work very well together.

2nd due crews are usually needed every shift. I post the schedule on the HCFAS private Facebook page, if you need the hours or just want to come in all you have to do is send me a text.

I would like to congratulate Emily Meyer's on becoming a crew leader. Emily is extremely friendly and she delivers great patient care and just a pleasure to be around. Emily I am grateful to have you on Monday's.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Great job to Tuesday's member of the month, Peggy Coyle who went above and beyond to help out a patient in an embarrassing situation.

Tuesday has not had a 24 in several months so thank you to all who have made that happen.

I hope everyone has a great time at our 50th Anniversary Party and you all take some time to think about what it took to make this milestone happen, and how we can ensure we continue on to achieve another 50 years.

Tuesday could use some additional help on the 1100 as they are two person crews only and on the overnight, where there is one crew and a medic has not been consistently scheduled as of late.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent – No Report

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Ann Donegan – Absent - No Report

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Friday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – Report given by Captain Andrew Campagnola

I want to give a hug shout out to all my Friday members. They went above and beyond while I was Out of Service. You all make me so proud! Thank you also to all the other members that pitched in. You guys are amazing!

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report– Andrew Campagnola – Report Posted

- If anyone wants to come down on any shift on Saturdays you are more than welcome.
- I continue to thank all the members that come down at any time on Saturdays. Whether it is for a backup call or 3 shifts you are appreciated.
- I send out a weekly email that outlines any important information and the current schedule. If you would like to be added to this e-mail list please let me know.
- Saturday Hosted another BBQ that was open to all members. This time our BBQ didn't explode on us and we were able to cook the entire day. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make the event successful.
- Summer is basically over, vacations are coming to an end and our call volume is hopefully going to start calming down. However, we will need to continue our job as EMS providers so please try to answer up to those signal 3's.
- The 50th Anniversary Dinner is this Saturday. Thankfully we will have 2 crews covering our district from our neighboring departments. However, we will still need dispatchers to cover from 3:00 PM until 7:00 AM Sunday. I will send out an email this week but if anyone is not attending the dinner and wants to volunteer before that please let me know.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYSVA&RA District 7 Delegate Report - Andrea Golinsky

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

The next District 7 meeting will be held at CI/Hauppauge next Tuesday, September 19th. The BOD has approved 12 members to attend Pulse Check in Albany on September 21st-24th. As of this date 11 members will be attending.

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The Association's annual election of officers will take place at PulseCheck. Proxies have been place in members' mail folders. Please sign, date them and place in the District 7 mailbox prior to September 19th.

The BOD has approved renewal of the squad and individual membership for the 2017-2018 year. All members as of this date will have their membership renewed.

All members that have been accepted since October 1st 2016 will be added to the list. **IF YOU RECEIVE AN E-MAIL RENEWAL REQUEST, IGNORE IT, DON'T PAY IT ON LINE.**

As a NYSVARA member you have an accidental death and dismemberment policy in the amount of \$4,000.00. This is at no cost to you or the squad. You may be contacted by an agent who will tell you that they have to come to you to sign a beneficiary form and to receive a certificate. At that time they may try to sell you some other forms of insurance they offer. It is not necessary for you to meet them or to sign any forms.

Attempts are still being made to set up meetings with Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci and Senator Carl Marcellino to discuss issues pertinent to HCFAS.

SC FRES Recruitment Committee SERVES Program – Bob Franz

The July 2017 SERVES Administrative Guide is posted on the bulletin board and is also on the suffolks bravest website.

SERVES (Suffolk Educational program for Retention in the Voluntary Emergency Service) provides student-volunteers who attend any NYS DOE college or university located within Suffolk County with a reimbursement based upon tuition costs at Suffolk County Community College- The student-volunteer will receive a reimbursement based upon a sliding scale related to their GPA. Completed applications must be submitted no later than **October 1st for the Fall semester** and February 1st for the Spring semester. Applications are date stamped upon receipt and the earliest dated applications shall be reviewed first as SERVES funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first served basis.

- For more information about SERVES go to

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

LOSAP 2016 Benefit Statements - Bob Franz

The December 31, 2016 LOSAP benefit statements were distributed to all participants in your member mail folder or by the mail. 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 or on the Squad server. Many thanks go to Christy Stiles, Mary Brenner and Pete Nakelski for assisting with the statement distribution. Thank you again to Jim Mallilo & Angie Kalodukas for having all the data entered during the year. If you have any other questions, please contact Bob Franz (robo4200@hotmail.com).

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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). All active members are covered under the VFIS Accident & Sickness policy while on duty; the death benefit is \$250,000. Your beneficiary(s) under the LOSAP program was indicated on your 2016 LOSAP benefit statement which was distributed to you recently.

Register to Vote – Bob Franz

NYS Volunteer EMS personnel make up a very large voting block of folks that can make a difference in close elections. We must register to vote and work together to make issues which are important to us, also important to those who work for us, our elected officials. When you register to vote, you become part of a larger group with the same EMS concerns and interests. Together we can make our voices heard at the ballot box. New York State Voter Registration forms are available on the mail folder cabinet. To vote in an election, you must mail or deliver this form to the Suffolk County Board of Elections no later than 25 days before the election in which you want to vote.

Suffolk REMSCO meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM at SC EMS Yaphank.

SCACA meeting is Wednesday September 20, 2017 at 7:30PM at BSBRA.

Peer Review Committee – Keith Davis & Fiona Witkowski – There will be a Cardiac (CHF) Presentation on Tuesday 9/26/17 at 6:00 PM by Dr. Pedram Bagheri from HH.

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

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

Stand-by – Samantha Mohr – Please see Stand By's Posted in the Ready Room and in e-mails. A full crew is needed to cover CVAC on Thursday 9/14/17 from 1700 to 2200 hours. CVAC is receiving the 2016 Agency of the Year award from Suffolk REMSCO.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Peter Nakelski – Total Donations collected \$86,500.00.

Hands on CPR – Kathleen Castillo - We've come a long way baby! CPR donated CPR pillows for each rig and fly car. NYU Langone will be donating 20 mannequins to us. Thank you Kelly Murphy, Ryane Como, Mike Como, Bill Connolly, Andrew Taylor and Josh Berman for all your hard work and dedication.

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Old Business:

e-PCR training will be held on Sunday, 9/24/17 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Sessions are approximately (3) hours. See email for more information.

A question was raised as to what the Dispatchers responsibility will be for the PCR's when the e-PCR's are utilized.

Richard Stone stated that drivers transmitting mileage in not necessary since billing company does its own calculations.

New Business:

Captain Andrew Campagnola made a presentation of his hand out "Giving every HCFAS a Member@hcfas.org e-mail address. Discussions followed. President Palmieri will have the Squad Attorney look at this for legal concerns and privacy, etc.

Giving every HCFAS a Member@hcfas.org email address.

Problem: Currently there are many ways for a member to be reached. Mail folders downstairs, phone, text, personal e-mail and pager.

In the digital world that we live in, e-mail seems to be the quickest way and efficient way for members to be reached.

Unfortunately, e-mail addresses seem to change frequently and are unreliable with modern spam filters and many e-mail lists floating around. It is entirely possible that a member will not receive messages that are destined for him or her.

Solution: Provide every member an e-mail address. This will ensure that a message destined for an individual will be received in their inbox much like how we can ensure that when we put something in the mail folders that we control on the first floor that it will get there. This also creates a situation with less overhead. We do not need to manage multiple email lists. Just like your member number never changes neither will your e-mail address.

Pros	Cons
Ensure messages delivered	Another e-mail to check for members
Less overhead/no need to update	
Able to build upon for future applications	
Better record keeping	

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee:

Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Carol Nucci, Angie Kalodukas, Bob Biersack,

Andrew Taylor

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Setup Committee: Bob Biersack, Mary Winter

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- **Outback Gift Card** - Karen Martin
- **Home Depot Gift Card** – Robin Smiles
- **Perseverance Cabernet Sauvignon** – Tony Cruz
- **Emerge Cabernet Sauvignon** – Donald Roulo

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Richard Stone to adjourn the meeting at 2121 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible members 65, probationary 9, Total: 74

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Q. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: October 1, 2017

Approved: October 9, 2017

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2017 General Membership Meeting
Date: October 9, 2017

Officers:

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Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Keith Tamayo	ABSENT
Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
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**Prior to the start of Meeting: G.E. Pickering Demonstration of CPR Mannequin
Displaying quality of compressions.**

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President John Palmieri that the required quorum of 53 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 53).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Ferd Neumann

President John Palmieri had a moment of silence for all HCFAS members, All Americans who serve in the Armed Forces in all branches of service, for individuals who were killed or injured and for their families and a Nation deeply affected in the Las Vegas Shooting and also for all those affected by the Hurricane in Puerto Rico.

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Presidents Report **John Palmieri**

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

Get Well Wishes and Prayers:

- Get Well Wishes and healing thoughts are being sent to Roger Winter #496

Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – Chief will announce on her report 5 to 15 Years

20 Years of Service

Karen Sprague-Wong #945

5 Years of Service

Douglas Mayer #1384

A Motion was made by Martha Brenner and seconded by Tyler Gibbs to change the order of the Meeting to hear the following proposed By-Laws Amendment.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed By-Law Change #03-2017- Read for the First Reading by David Mohr - Chairman of the By-Laws Committee:

Proposal: #03-2017

To establish a procedure for Proposed By-Law amendments that does not discriminate against or cause any undue effort on the part of any member, while maximizing participation and providing ample opportunity for discussion of any proposed amendment.

Background/Justification:

During 2013, two amendments were presented regarding proposed changes to the By-Laws, both were passed and yet, in an effort to maximize participation, an additional effort was placed on the Secretary. Yet even with the two changes only 33% of the membership participated in those proposed change, which was during the highest membership meeting attendance, while over 75% of the membership participated in the General Election.

This proposed change will limit any proposed changes to once a year, provide three meetings in which discussion can take place, reduce the work of the Secretary to provide absentee ballots and increase membership participation.

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

ARTICLE XII - SECTION 1 - AMENDMENTS

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Proposed amendments to the By-Laws must be submitted to the By-Laws Committee no later than the 1st day of August of each year, and be signed by at least three eligible voting members. Motions for proposed amendments to the By-laws shall be printed in the September, October and November issues of the Pulse and be presented to the membership by the By-laws Committee at those same General Membership Meetings for discussion. ~~in writing for one meeting preceding the vote on that motion.~~ Amendments to the proposed By-Law amendment may be made, provided all three of the original signatories of the proposed By-Law amendment agree to the amendments, and, said amendments are approved by the signatories no later than the 15th day of November of the year of the proposed By-Law amendment. All proposed By-Law amendments will appear on the General Election ballot and voting on the proposed amendments will take place as part of, and during, the General Election. An affirmative vote ~~by secret ballot~~ of two-thirds majority of all ~~eligible voting~~ members voting present shall constitute its acceptance.

Absentee ballots will ~~not~~ be permitted for ~~By Law amendment votes with the following exception: the on-duty crew and a back-up crew designated by the Chief may be given absentee ballot envelopes at the start of the General Membership Meeting at which a proposed By-Law amendment vote is to occur. They may indicate on a ballot provided by the Secretary their vote on the amendment(s). They must seal and sign the envelope in accordance with the procedure indicated in Article X, Section 4. The Secretary will secure the ballots until the vote, when, after verifying that those members are not present, the absentee ballots will be opened and counted with the rest of the ballots.~~

Proposers

Brian Canty #757 /s/ _____

Casey Orr #1283 /s/ _____

Martha Brenner #236 /s/ _____

Secretary's Report – By Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Richard Stone to approve the September 11, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Thank you cards received for: Services rendered: Elizabeth Gulotta; Stand-by: Northport VFD re: 2017 Cow Harbor Race and HCFAS scholarship recipients: Meaghan Salzone and Matthew Muszynski, son of member Diane Muszynski.

President's Report John Palmieri

The Contract was signed for Huntington Community Ambulance District and HCFAS.

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- Repairing and Sealing the Parking Lot.
- Purchasing tickets for the Huntington Chief's Council Dinner.
- Approval for Use of the Meeting Room by Sue Otto.
- Approval for Use of the Meeting Room by Sara Manning.
- HCFAS to Host NYSVA&RA Meeting and Dinner.
- Allow Explorer Post 215 to Attend a Haunted House.
- We are working on the 2018 Contract for Charitable Care.

On Tuesday, September 26th, Seth and I signed a contract with the Town to provide EMS Services to the Huntington Ambulance District. This contract expires on 12/31/2017, so we Will be going back to work on the Contract for 2018. The main changes to the Contract, that the Board of Directors was concerned about, were that the decision making as to who has to pay and who can be taken care of with less than complete payment, will be up to the Town; this is a Charitable Care Policy. Now that this clause has been clarified, we can refer patients that have been and that have difficulty in paying, to the Town.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – No Report

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Casey Orr - Absent – No Report

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

Just a reminder, if you get into an accident the following people MUST be notified, 1st Deputy Chief, 3rd Deputy Chief, Day Captain and if possible the Chief.

The 3rd Quarter has ended and members who are behind in hours will be getting letters middle of next week. If you think you are behind please reach out to your captain or myself to discuss your hours.

Thank you to everyone who has done such an amazing job keeping our 24 rate down. You guys are doing an amazing job please keep up the hard work!

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Matthew Valle – Report Posted

Please see below for my recent updates as Second Deputy. Thank you everyone for your assistance with identifying equipment issues. This is important to ensure they are resolved within a timely manner.

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Second Deputy Updates:

- Thank you to Dr. Baghari and the Peer review committee for conducting a successful CME on CHF last month
- Thank you to NYU Huntington Medical Group for providing us with the 20 Hands Only CPR Manikins last month.
- Thank you to Brian McEvoy from G.E. Pickering who presented his CPR Manikin that displayed quality of compressions. Thank you also Michael Jacoby who shared his Laerdal manikin last membership meeting!
- Please remember that we are live with our BLS 12 lead pilot program for our providers who were in serviced. Any members who need the training please contact myself or Don Freed.
- Peer Review will be hosting a non-core class on Pediatrics on November 8th at HQ. Please sign up with Fiona if you're available. Food and non-core credits will be provided.
- Tom Lemp will be hosting a CPR class on Wednesday, 10/15/17 at 6:30 PM. Please e-mail Tom Lemp if you need the training. T.lemp979@gmail.com
- Thank you also to all the member who came out to the Fall Festival this past weekend.

As always, please feel free to share with me any new ideas for both equipment and training initiatives!

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Keith Rubenstein – Absent – No Report

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Manuel Aviles – Report Posted

September Stats (September 1, 2017- September 30, 2017)

Alarms.....5010 as 10/9/17 at 4:06 PM.

Signal 24's... 32 (0.6)
Duplicate Calls.....160
Delete Calls.....15

Signal 24 breakdown by Day of Week as of September 11, 2017

Sunday.....4 (YTD)
Monday.....1 (YTD)
Tuesday..... 6 (YTD)
Wednesday.....9 (YTD)
Thursday..... 1(YTD)
Friday.....8 (YTD)
Saturday.....3 (YTD)

January 2016..4 February 2016...12 March 2016...6 April 2016...1

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May 2016...5 June 2016...4 July 2016...5 August 2016...9

September 2016...4 October 2016...8 November 2016...5 December 2016...6

January 2017...7 February 2017...3 March 2017...3 April 2017...6

May 2017...1 June 2017...5 July 2017...1 August 2017...2

September 2017...3 October 2017...1 November 2017...0 December 2017...0

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Patrick Donegan – Report Posted

I want to thank everyone who continues to support the overnight. The overnight is completely vacant if anyone needs or knows someone who may need hours please come on down. All help is appreciate. A special thanks to Andrew Taylor, Casey O'Riordan, Rich Cortes, Seth Fischer, Venel Grimadeau, Esteban Lopez, Kelly Murphy, John Domanick, Mike Harlan, Jack Kovalsky, Audin Delva, Alex Klotsche and anyone that I may have missed. Thank you for continuing to make Sunday's successful.

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

On September 18th we had 30 calls come in and I can happily say we did not 24 any of them. As most of you already know the 1100 shift delivered a healthy baby boy! I want to thank Melissa Anastos, Jack Kovalsky, Ann Maloney and Jennifer Masem our medic for a fantastic job! We didn't just stop there. We also had a cardiac arrest and an amputation plus 27 other calls.

Every Monday I am so happy to see the response of members that come in to help out, besides my Company 2 members I have Company 8 people that are here just about every week. We couldn't do this without all of you so thank you!!!

All Monday shifts are usually in need of 2nd due crews, so please come in to help when you can.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Tuesday had no 24's in September, but one so far in October.

Please check your finger reads for the third quarter to make sure you receive credit for all shifts. Thanks to everyone who answered for backup calls and covered extra shifts as people went away at the end of the summer.

We could use additional help on the 1100 as those are small crews and anyone who can listen up during work hours would be much appreciated.

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1500 needs another Crew leader or driver to round out the third crew. This shift has had some extremely busy periods over the past month.

The overnight has been getting an extra Crew leader sometimes but could use another driver to complete a second crew and give the regulars a little extra rest.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent – No Report

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Ann Donegan – Report Posted

As some of you may or may not know the last five months have been very difficult for me physically. Thankfully, I am back feeling well and will be returning to work on the 10th of this month and tomorrow I will be coming off my leave this week as well.

I wish to thank all of the Thursday crew members for working hard and filling in without even being asked. You are a great group and I am very proud of all of you.

I would especially like to thank Tom O'Leary, Fiona Witkowski, Bob Biersack, Sara Manning and David Kaufman for the extra guidance and work you did.

Again, Thursdays are a wonderful group of people and I am very proud to be their captain.

Friday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Report Posted

I can't tell you how grateful I am for my Friday crews. Every week, I am amazed by the love, support, encouragement, and dedication from people on Friday.

You guys all go above and beyond every week and it is a privilege to ride with these excellent providers.

Thank you for all you do!!

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report– Andrew Campagnola – Report Posted

Fall is here! Saturday members are still holding down the fort and I appreciate all the help from every member that has made this year so successful for us. This really is a group effort and I cannot thank one single person because we did this together. While we still have a few months left, I am confident that we will continue to do what we do best and that is help our Community.

Though we are answering up to all the calls we receive we could still use some help. We are Looking for a 2nd due Driver on the 0700 and a Dispatcher for the 1500 Shifts. All help is always appreciated.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

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306 **NYSVA&RA District 7 Delegate Report – Bob Franz**

307 **NYSVARA District 7** – Next meeting is Tuesday November 17th at 8:00 PM at Mastic Beach
308 Ambulance.

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310 **SC Recruitment Committee** – Next meeting is Wednesday November 18th at 6:00 PM at SC
311 FRES in Yaphank.

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313 **SCACA** – Next meeting is Wednesday November 18th at 7:30 PM at Center Islip Hauppauge
314 Ambulance.

315 316 **Renaissance Downtowns Huntington Station - Bob Franz**

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318 The construction of the 3 story Northridge building will be completed by the end of the year with
319 16 one bedroom apartments on the 2nd and 3rd floor and up to 4 commercial clients on the ground
320 floor – their first retail lease is with May's Gourmet Deli.

321 There is a larger mixed use building planned for Gateway Plaza and that construction is expected
322 to begin next year. On the drawing board are 49 artists' lofts and next to us in the commuter lot a
323 140 room Hotel with restaurant and banquet space and up to a 100,000 SF commercial / retail /
324 medical office building. A legislative bill in Albany would allow the NYS DOT to transfer land
325 that it owns to the TOH and the TOH would transfer the land to RDHS for development.

326 327 **Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson**

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

332 -Eligible members under the squad's group term life insurance program are generally covered
333 for \$50,000 (lower amounts if over 69 years of age).

334 -All active members are covered under the VFIS Accident & Sickness policy while on duty; the
335 death benefit is \$250,000.

336 -Your beneficiary(s) under the LOSAP program was indicated on your 2016 LOSAP benefit
337 statement which was distributed to you recently. Use HCFAS Form #430 to make a beneficiary
338 change.

339 340 **Register to Vote – Bob Franz**

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342 NYS Volunteer EMS personnel make up a very large voting block of folks that can make a
343 difference in close elections. We must register to vote and work together to make issues which
344 are important to us, also important to those who work for us, our elected officials.

345 When you register to vote, you become part of a larger group with the same EMS concerns and
346 interests.

347 Together we can make our voices heard at the ballot box.

348 New York State Voter Registration forms are available on the mail folder cabinet. To vote in
349 an election, you must mail or deliver this form to the Suffolk County Board of Elections no
350 later than 25 days before the election in which you want to vote.

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Explorer Post 215 – Susanna (Sue) Otto – The Fall Festival was a huge success and a great time was had by all who attended. There are currently three (3) New Post Members who are now dispatching. The Explorer Post 215 Committee will be taking the Explorers to the Haunted House. Elections are posted, Advisors are needed for the committee. Female Advisors are especially needed for this Committee.

Peer Review Committee – Keith Davis & Fiona Witkowski – There will be a non-core Pediatrics Asthma session by Dr. Siddiqui of NYU Langone on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Please see e-mails for Meetings and times.

Duty Uniform Committee – Maxine Epstein – Deadline for Winter Jackets – The Order will be placed on 10-20-2017.

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

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

Special Events Committee - Brian Canty – The Children's Holiday Party will be held on a Sunday, December 10, 2017.

Stand-by – Samantha Mohr – The Stand-by's will be posted online. When responding to an e-mail please don't forget to leave the date and time in your e-mails to Samantha.

Driver Training Committee – Jeffrey Brenner – The Committee got approval from the Suffolk County EMS for two (2) hours of non-core CME for the new ongoing Driver Training Classroom session, of two hours. Our Insurance Carrier VFIS recommended that all drivers attend this session.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski – Total Donations collected \$89,093.00. The third wave will be going out at the end of the month.

Hands Only CPR – Kathleen Castillo - A huge thank you to Matt Valle! Matt coordinated with NYU (Huntington Medical Group) who made a donation of 20 HOCPR Mannequins to our committee. They will be available at the GMM tonight so come play with our new Mannequins! If you're interested in joining the committee please reach out to me or co-chair, Kelly Murphy.

50th Anniversary Committee – Martha Brenner -

Thanks to:

Diane Tanko and David Kaufman for the e-vites and for keeping track of the responses.
Ann Schwartz for the venue choice and the table decorations and to the Tuesday 1900 shift for helping with those decorations.

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Roger Winter for the Pins, Decals and the new 50th Anniversary Banner and for the idea of the photos. The step and repeat photo set up was a huge hit!

Israel Cortes for help in setting up the event.

Chris Roulo and her daughter Lisa for helping to greet and let guests know about the photos.

Other contributors to the 50th Anniversary Committee: Kathi Bonessi, Mary Winter, Maxine Epstein, Phil Schmidt, Sue Manning, Tom O'Leary and Andrea Golinsky.

A special thanks to Rich Stone the committee liaison, President Palmieri, Chief Casey Orr and First Deputy Chief Liz Mohr for your continued support throughout the planning and also to Brian Canty who could always be counted on for counsel and moral support.

Lastly, anyone who has ever been a Chairperson for a large event knows that when you volunteer you are also volunteering your family. Pam, Jeff, Tanya and Caitlyn thanks from the bottom of my heart.

We are not done yet! The 50th Anniversary Journal work has begun. I am handling this project as well and all ideas are welcome. Watch for an e-mail on a planning meeting. We will get started in early October.

Old Business:

President John Palmieri spoke about the \$10.00 Quarterly Meal Allowance vs. Captains \$500.00 Meal Allowance (re: 3rd Quarter SOP Change #02-1017.) Discussions were held afterwards on Pros/Cons of each method.

New Business:

Captain Andrew Campagnola made a statement regarding the 215 Explorer Post and how helpful they are to the Squad. He mentioned that they do a lot of great things for the Squad and said that if you see them around the building you should thank them and tell them that they are very much appreciated for all that they do to help out.

Brian Canty will be sending out a Link to all HCFAS Members for the Photos that were taken at the HCFAS 50th Anniversary Party.

Joanne Cunningham will be teaching Yoga Classes at HCFAS. Men, Woman and Friends are all welcome to join. Joanne anticipates that the Yoga Classes will be held at the Squad on Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee:

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Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Andrew Taylor, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci,
Angie Kalodukas, Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts

- **Cabernet Wine** – Tim Ebert
- **Home Depot Gift Card** – Michael Jacoby
- **Outback Gift Card** – Lisa Mohr
- **Bed Bath & Beyond Gift Card** – George Reeder
- **Panera Bread Gift Card** – Brian Canty
- **Pino Grigio White Wine** – Kathryn Donegan
- **Bottle of Champagne** – Bob Biersack
- **Angry Orchard Beer** – Manuel Aviles

**Motion by Richard Stone and seconded by Annette Herschkowitz to adjourn meeting
at 2018 hours.**

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible members 57, probationary 9, Total: .66

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Q. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: October 31, 2017

Approved: November 13, 2017

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad

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Date: November 13, 2017

Officers:

President John Palmieri	PRESENT
Vice President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Keith Tamayo	ABSENT
Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Richard Stone	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Casey Orr	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Matthew Valle	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Manuel Aviles	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Patrick Donegan	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	ABSENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain David Kaufman	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Ann Donegan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Campagnola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President John Palmieri that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 81).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Ferd Neumann

President John Palmieri had a moment of silence for all HCFAS members, All Americans who serve in the Armed Forces in all branches of service to our Country, and sadly, once again, to please remember all of those whose lives have been devastated by the very violent shootings in Sutherland Springs, Texas. Thank You.

Since Veterans Day was this past Saturday, I would like to especially honor our HCFAS Veterans:

Edward Billia, Michael Campanelli, Robert Franz, Donald Freed, Richard Gierbolini, Paul Kelly, Thomas Lemp, David Mohr, Peter Nakelski, Joseph Nappi, Ferd Neumann, George Reeder, Sal Romano, Donald Roulo and Rich Rudolph. We at HCFS are proud to have you as fellow members and we wish to thank you for your service.

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

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

- Inactive Life Member Donna Trainor's Mother, Gloria
- Member Bency Jean- Baptiste's Father, Pierre
- Member Todd Atkins' Father, Frederick
- Captain Ann Donegan's Sister and Captain Pat Donegan and Member Katie Donegan's Aunt and former Member, Maureen

It wouldn't be a General Membership Meeting if we did not send Get Well Wishes to Roger or welcome him back. Stay here.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service): Tonight we honor two long term HCFAS Members but before we get to them, we will honor our 2017 Twenty (20) Year Exempt Members:

Lehti Laas, #938
Thomas Romano, #939
Robin Smiles, #937
Karen Sprague-Wong, #945

Alison Russo – 25 Years

Alison Russo, Member #884 has been with us since 1992 and that means 25 Years. She became a twenty-two year exempt member in 2012. She is an ALS Provider here and in New York City. She held the position of Wednesday Day Captain for with consecutive years, from 2009 until 2016. She is presently serving on the ALS Committee as an Administrative member.

Christine Roulo – 35 Years

Christine Roulo, Member # 661 has been a member since 1982 and that means 35 years. She served as Secretary to the Board of Directors from 2000 until 2001. Since then she has been the Secretary for the Operational Officer. She was granted Lifetime Membership in 2005. She also serves on the committee for certifications and plaques. Chris was Presented with a 35 Year Pin.

I will entertain a motion to change the order of business for the following:

**First Reading of a proposed By-Law Change, proposed SOP Changes and the nominations for Candidates for 2018 Offices. Motion by Roger Winter and seconded by Donald Roulo.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Proposed By Law Change – First Reading Read by David Mohr – Chairman of the By Laws Committee

Proposal: #04-2017

To add a classification of Affiliate Active Membership.

Background/Justification:

With the evolution of society, there are individuals that want and desire to volunteer, but do not have the ability to do so at the level of four hours per week. Additionally, the Squad is in need of qualified volunteers to answer the ever-increasing call volume.

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

ARTICLE III – Section 1 - Classifications

Membership in the Corporation shall be classified as per the following:

Active
Affiliate Active
Associate
Honorary
20-Year Exempt
Life Membership

ARTICLE III – Section 3 – Affiliate Active Membership

An Affiliate Active Member must complete, or have completed, all the same requirements for Active Membership; they must be an active EMT or higher with another agency with at least two years of experience, or an existing member of the Squad with at least two years as an Active Member; and they must commit to a minimum of twenty-four hours per calendar quarter.

Affiliate Active Members will not be entitled to all the rights and privileges of an Active Member. They shall not be entitled to vote on any matters of the Corporation; they shall not be entitled to Squad purchased life insurance; they shall not be entitled to be certified by the Board of Directors of the Squad as enrolled members for purposes of any Property Tax reduction provided by the Town of Huntington; and they shall not be entitled to attend the annual installation and dinner/dance in their own right. The only social events they are entitled to attend are the annual Squad picnic, the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, provided they participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the annual holiday party. Affiliate Active Members are entitled to accrue LOSAP benefits provided they meet the necessary requirement under the LOSAP program.

Renumber existing Article III, Sections 3-9 to Sections 4-10

Proposers

Brian Canty #757 /s/

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Elizabeth Mohr #1292 /s/

Ann Maloney #921 /s/

The Proposed By-Laws Amendment will be read for the second time at the December General Membership Meeting and Discussed and Voted On.

Proposed SOP Change #03-2017 – Read by David Mohr – Chairman of the By-Laws Committee

Proposal #03-2017:

To realign the functions of the Second and Third Deputy Chief's and move operational responsibility for maintenance of the building(s) to the Board of Directors.

Background/Justification:

As the size of the organization has increased, the amount of work associated with the maintenance of the vehicles and building(s) has increased to a point that it has become unaccomplishable.

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

Article I

Section 3 - Second Deputy Chief:

1. The Second Deputy Chief is the third Operational Officer in the Chain of Command. The Second Deputy shall be prepared to assume the responsibilities of the First Deputy.
2. The Second Deputy Chief is in charge of the Training Committee and responsible for arranging and securing the proper first-aid training and monthly review training for members, ~~and to see that all first-aid equipment is operative and available. The Second Deputy shall oversee the First Aid Supply Committees to ensure the proper ordering and receipt of first-aid equipment and supplies in accordance with the Purchase Policy.~~

Section 4 - Third Deputy Chief:

1. The Third Deputy Chief is the fourth Operational Officer in the Chain of Command.
2. The Third Deputy Chief shall be responsible for vehicle maintenance and to see that all first-aid equipment is operative and available building maintenance. The Third Deputy shall oversee the First-Aid Supply Committees to ensure the proper ordering and receipt of first-aid equipment and supplies in accordance with the Purchase Policy.
3. ~~The Third Deputy shall be responsible to make work assignments for the orderly and clean maintenance of headquarters.~~

Article IV

Section 2 - Crewleaders' Preparation of Crews and Equipment for Emergencies:

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One of the most important Crewleader responsibilities is making sure that the crew can respond promptly and effectively when an emergency occurs. Everything must be ready when the call comes - if jackets have to be located, if the oxygen supply is not adequate - then we have failed to provide the service that people expect and deserve.

2. Second level of concern for preparedness: Only after a full crew and the on-line equipment are ready can the Crewleader and the crew begin second level preparedness activities. These are necessary to maintain forward duty tour and backup capability.

A. Ambulance Checkouts

i. On-line and Backup Ambulances are given equipment and supply checks (as indicated on the Duty List) in addition to the short checkouts that each crew should make of the on-duty equipment. The crew should, of course, assist in this task.

ii. These checks and chores assure that Back-up Ambulances are ready at all times and that any deficiencies in either equipment or supplies are reported promptly to the appropriate Deputy or Committee (~~Second Deputy Chief for First Aid Equipment and Supply Problems, Third Deputy Chief for Vehicle Problems, or the Oxygen Committee, etc.~~).

B. Availability of back-ups: If Off-Duty Squad members are present at Headquarters ask if they will be available if a back-up crew is needed. Personnel in the building should be available for back-up calls or they should leave the building. This is especially important if the Dispatcher indicates that a call is "working" and that the On-Duty Crew may be going out shortly. The Crewleader should also check the Back-up sheet to see if adequate coverage is available.

A. Other preparatory tasks:

i. Wash ambulances as scheduled.

ii. Wash laundry as scheduled.

iii.

Article X

Section 1 – Purchasing Policy

Paragraph G - Purchase Authorization Limits

Account Category & Name		Operational Officer or Chairperson	Purchase Limit (per item)	Other
Building				
	Maintenance Contracts	Third Deputy Chief n/a	n/a	<u>Note 5 Board of Directors</u>
	Building Supplies	Third Deputy Chief n/a	Up to \$250 n/a	<u>See Note 3 Board of Directors</u>
	Equipment/Building Repairs	Third Deputy Chief n/a	Up to \$1,000 n/a	<u>See Note 6 Board of Directors</u>
	Maintenance, Grounds	Third Deputy Chief n/a	n/a	<u>See Note 5 Board of Directors</u>
	Paper Goods	Third Deputy Chief n/a	Up to \$400 n/a	See Note 3
	Kitchen Supplies	Chairperson	Up to \$150	
	Building Improvements	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	New Equipment Purchases	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors

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Account Category & Name		Operational Officer or Chairperson	Purchase Limit (per item)	Other
EMS Supplies & Equipment				
	BLS Supplies	Second Deputy Chief	Up to \$1,000	See Note 3
	BLS Equipment Repairs	Second <u>Third</u> Deputy Chief	Up to \$250	See Note 6
	Oxygen	Second <u>Third</u> Deputy Chief	Up to \$200	See Note 3
	Oxygen Equipment Repairs	Second <u>Third</u> Deputy Chief	Up to \$250	See Note 6
	ALS Equipment Repairs	Second <u>Third</u> Deputy Chief	Up to \$250	See Note 6
	Maintenance Contracts	Second <u>Third</u> Deputy Chief	n/a	See Note 5
	ALS Supplies	Second Deputy Chief	Up to \$1,000	See Note 3
	BLS Equipment, New Purchase	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	Oxygen Equipment Purchase	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	ALS Equipment Purchase	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors

Discussion – Consensus Vote – Members in Favor.

Proposed SOP Change #04-2017 – Read by David Mohr – Chairman of the By-Laws Committee

Proposal #04-2017:

To enhance the restriction of members from being on Squad property after having consumed alcoholic beverages.

Background/Justification:

Members have been found to return to the building after having consumed alcoholic beverages. This disrupts the on-duty crews and increases the Squads possible liability should an incident occur.

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

Article III - House Rules and Regulations

Section 1 - General Rules:

2. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the premises unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors. No member below the New York State legal drinking age is allowed to consume alcoholic beverages under any circumstances. Crewmembers who are intoxicated or have the odor of alcohol on their breath are to be reported to the Day Captain and are to be removed from duty by the Crewleader. Members who are not on duty and who have been consuming alcoholic beverages are not permitted on any Squad property, unless specifically authorized by the Board of Director. No members, unless preapproved by the Day Captain and Chief for on-duty purposes only, are

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permitted on Squad property if another Department has been enlisted to cover the District during an off-premise Squad event until such time as the stand-by Department has been released.

Discussion – Consensus Vote – Members in Favor.

Nominations – All Nominators will state their name and member number prior to the name of the member that they are nominating. Be advised that Article X, Section 6, states that “No individual may be nominated or place himself in candidacy for more than one Office”.

The President opened nominations for each office and after the nominations were received for each office from the floor, the President repeated three times, any more nominations for each office and then he closed the nominations for each office.

Nominated Candidates for the 2018 Board of Directors and Operational Officers:

(in order selected to be on ballot)

Board of Directors:

Jeffrey Daniels nominated Lorely Villamide-Herrera
Donald Freed nominated by Matt Valle
William Connolly nominated by Lorely Villamide-Herrera
Robert Franz nominated by Roger Winter
Brian Canty nominated by Ann Schwartz
James Mallilo nominated by Lorrie Stone
Seth Fischer nominated by Casey Orr
Louis Dell nominated by David Kaufman

Chief:

Casey Orr nominated by Roger Winter

1st Deputy Chief:

Elizabeth Mohr nominated by David Mohr

2nd Deputy Chief:

Keith Rubenstein nominated by Dominic Heavey

3rd Deputy Chief:

Andrew Campagnola nominated by Matt Valle

Chief Dispatcher:

Patricia Tufo nominated by Kathy Castillo

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Day Captain:

Manuel Aviles nominated by Roger Winter
Kathryn Donegan nominated by Ann Donegan
Elizabeth Wuestman nominated by Dale Bartolomeo
Daniel Mugavero nominated by Andrew Campagnola
Michael Como nominated by Kathy Castillo
David Kaufman nominated by Katie Donegan
Ryane Como nominated by Kathy Castillo
Kathleen Castillo nominated by Seth Fischer
Kelly Murphy nominated by Kathy Castillo
John Kovalsky nominated by Patrick Donegan

By-Laws Article X Section 4 Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots for the General Election may be obtained upon request from the Secretary, subsequent to the November Meeting. The Secretary will provide a ballot and an envelope clearly marked "Absentee Ballot" on the front. All ballots must be placed in an unmarked envelope then placed in the official envelope, sealed and signed at the appropriate line on the back of the envelope over the seal. These ballots may be returned personally to the Secretary prior to the day of the election, or if mailed, postmarked no later than ten days before the December 11th (December 1st) 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.

Voting Times for Squad Annual Election December 11, 2017

The Board of Directors approved the following voting times for the Annual Squad Election on Monday December 11, 2017 as follows: **0800 hours to 2000 hours.** (A suggestion for the between these hours).

HCFAS members' email addresses for the purpose of sending the Candidates' Qualifications

The following motion will be presented for approval by the Board of Directors on 9/7/17:
Authorize and approve candidates for office in 2018 a single use of HCFAS members' e-mail addresses for the purpose of sending the candidates' qualifications and other pertinent information to members to solicit their votes. Upon request of the candidates, Brian Canty will facilitate the transmittal of the candidates e-mail.
There is a maximum of 3 e-mails sent a day (nominee for Board of Directors, Chiefs and Captain) and the last e-mail will be sent on 12/8/17).

Help Needed for Election Day December 11, 2017 – Annette Hershkowitz

Help is needed on Election Day December 11, 2017 when the polls will be open from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Please contact Annette Hershkowitz if you can help out and what times you would be available 631-543-1863.

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Secretary's Report – By Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Mark Brenner to approve the October 9, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes, as posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Thank you letters and cards received for: Services Provided: Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce for Fall Festival EMS and TOH Councilman Mark Cuthbertson for the TOH Annual Children's Halloween Costume Parade; Good & Welfare: Life member Donna Trainor for fruit basket on the passing of her mother.

Board of Directors' Reconsideration of SOP Change #02-2017

At the October 19, 2017 Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved SOP Change #02-2017 as was read and discussed at the June General Membership meeting. The SOP simplifies the Quarterly Meal Allowance to \$10.00 per member.

Proposed By-Laws Amendments

Proposed By-Laws Amendment 03-2017 read at the October 9, 2017 General Membership meeting was withdrawn by the committee.

President's Report John Palmieri

Actions of the Board of Directors

Approved – October 19, 2017

Motion to Grant 20 Year Exempt Status

Motion for HFCC to use the General Meeting Room, 10/23/17

Motion to Approve the Annual Children's Holiday Party, 12/10/17

Motion to Host an AHA ACLS Recertification Class

Motion to Approve Attendance at a PHTLS Class

Motion to Reconsider the SOP Change for the Captain's Allowance

Motion to Extend the Driver Pilot Program to 12/21/17

Approved – November 2

Motion to Approve the Annual Holiday Party, 12/16/17

Motion to Approve Continuation of HCFAS Group Life Insurance

Motion to Purchase Holiday Gift Cards for Active Members

Motion to Purchase Holiday Gift Cards for All Life Members

Motion to Purchase Kiosk and Security Software for e-PCR's

Motion to Purchase Master Image Deployment Software

Emergency Motion to Approve the Elevator Repair (11/6)

Report on Billing - \$3,578,000 Billed, \$1,441,000 Collected, \$1,020,000 Paid to HCAD from District Receivables plus \$ 83,000 Paid to PAB

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Letters sent to our US House Representatives in opposition to a FCC law to change our T-Band Broadband Network (NPSBN).

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – No Report

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Casey Orr - Report Posted

- The list of shifts for gift card eligibility is downstairs on the red board. Please take a look to see where you stand. If you feel that the number of shifts you have is incorrect please check the SCM report for yourself when you log in to the website
- Holiday Parade: will be held on Sunday, November 26th. Members to be at HQ by 330pm. We will be leaving HQ no later than 4:00 PM.
- There is a work detail this Thursday at 4pm for the holiday parade. Food will be served.
- SCPD EMT students will be doing clinical rotations again from December 4th through the 7th
- Members of the month Awards presented
- Anniversary Pins
- Consensus on members being interested in a corporate membership at LA Fitness
- Thank you to all of the members who helped out at the fall festival!
- Thank you to Chief Liz & Chief Matt for handling everything while I was out of town
- Any member who has not received their 50th anniversary charger, please see me asap
- Stork Pin – Congratulations to Robin smiles, Melissa Anastos, Jack Kovalsky, Ann Maloney, Kelly Murphy and Paramedic Jen Massem

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

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped out, you guys are doing an amazing job getting the ambulances out and our calls covered!

Just a reminder, the Holiday Gift Cards will be out at the next GMM meeting, a reminder, shifts and hours are different. Shifts are what are for the Gift Cards and Hours are for the bylaws/SOP's. If you have any questions please see your captain or myself.

Again, thank you to everyone for all the hard work and keep up the amazing job you are all doing!

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Matthew Valle – Report Posted

Thank you to Dr. Siddiqui and the Peer Review committee for conducting the CME on Pediatrics last Wednesday.

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Thank you to Mark Brenner for teaching ALS core on Pediatrics and Neonate last Thursday.

Please remind your crew to complete any outstanding Review Trainings as the year concludes. Additionally, please have BLS crews continue to conduct BLS 12 leads when appropriate.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Keith Rubenstein – Absent – No Report

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Manuel Aviles – Report Posted

October Stats (October 1, 2017- October 31, 2017)

Alarms.....5595 as 11/13/17 at 3:44 PM

Signal 24's..... 34 (0.6)

Duplicate calls.....173

Delete calls..15

Signal 24 breakdown by Day of Week as of November 13, 2017

Sunday.....5 (YTD)

Monday.....1 (YTD)

Tuesday..... 6 (YTD)

Wednesday.....9 (YTD)

Thursday..... 1(YTD)

Friday.....8 (YTD)

Saturday.....4 (YTD)

January 2016...4 February 2016...12 March 2016...6 April 2016...1

May 2016...5 June 2016...4 July 2016...5 August 2016...9

September 2016...4 October 2016...8 November 2016...5

December 2016...6

January 2017...7 February 2017...3 March 2017...3 April 2017...6

May 2017...1 June 2017...5 July 2017...1 August 2017...2

September 2017...3 October 2017...3 November 2017...0

December 2017...0

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Patrick Donegan – Report Posted

I want to thank everyone who continues to support the overnight. The overnight is still completely vacant if anyone needs or knows someone who may need hours come on down.

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All help is appreciated. Special thanks to Josh Berman, Jon Domanick, Audin Delva, Jack Kovalsky, new member Joe Corcoran and anyone I might have missed.

Thank you all for continuing to make Sundays successful.

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

Thank you to all that come in and help out on Monday, I can happily say we are still 24 free minus one. Unfortunately, I have work this evening but I wanted to wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving.

All Monday shifts are usually in need of 2nd due crews, so please come in to help when you can.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Excellent job to all Company 3 members who continue to save the day for all our community members in need.

Thank you to everyone who arranged for coverage and those who covered (John Mancino, Keith Davis, Tom O'Leary, Fiona Witkowski, Heidi Magerle, Pamela Best, Jonathan Domanick, Josh Abraham, Jim Mallilo, Greg Orr, Bobby Loysch).

Thanks to Jeff Brenner for picking up a few Tuesday 1100 shifts again.

Doug Mayer has been great about covering ALS when there are no medics on. I would like to recognize the 0700 crew for making it in at that early time every week and Al Szigethy for continuing to do his life pack work on this early Tuesday shift.

No new 24's since before October meeting.

October Tuesday member of the month was Bazeel Walters for his dedication to completing the driver training program.

I Hope everyone has a thankful Thanksgiving!

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent – No Report

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Ann Donegan – Report Posted – Report Given by Kathryn Donegan

Happy Thanksgiving to all who will be celebrating. Thursday has been very busy. Last month There were 35 calls, mostly on the 11-3 and 3-7 shifts but there was also quite a few on the 1900 Shift. Thanks to all the crews that responded to those calls.

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Thank you for all the hard work you have put in this year in all aspects of Thursday. I am very blessed to have such a great group of people on the day.

With that being said, this will be my last year as Thursday Day Captain for the foreseeable future. It is time for some respite for me and hopefully a chance for a new generation to take over the day.

I thank you all again and I hope you all have a great holiday.

Friday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Report Posted

Thank you everyone for all your hard work and dedication throughout this year. A huge shout out to all the Friday members who continue to amaze me with their love and support. Good luck to Evelyn Cruise and Kasey Ryman as well as all the other members taking their EMT exams this month! You girls are gonna rock it!!

I hope everyone has a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report– Andrew Campagnola – Report Posted

This year has been fantastic so far. Even though the year is almost over we have begun to see some new faces show up on Saturday. All members are always welcome to come on down.

Also, look out for notices to help out with the parade float. This year the Holiday Parade is on Sunday but we will need help the day before (Saturday) to get the ambulances cleaned up and decorated.

Though we are answering up to all the calls we get in, we could still use some help. We are looking for a 2nd due Driver on the 0700 and a Dispatcher for the 1500. All help is always appreciated.

Everyone have a very filling Thanksgiving!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

EMS Organizations Meetings –Bob Franz

Suffolk REMSO

November Meeting is at SC EMS in Yaphank on Tuesday, 11/14/17 at 7:00 PM.

Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association.

November Meeting is at East Moriches Community Ambulance on Wednesday, 11/15/17 at 7:00 PM.

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NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association (NYSVARA)

November Meeting is at Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance on Tuesday, 11/21/17 at 8:00 PM.

NYSVARA Board Meeting – Saturday November 11, 2017

Ms. Lee Burns, Director of the NYS DOH Bureau of EMS and Trauma Services will be retiring at the end of the year. NYSVARA and others felt that this was an opportunity to provide input into the selection of her successor and to express concerns as to the future of EMS in NYS. A document entitled “Challenges Facing EMS in NYS” was presented to the NYSDOH administration and it also found its way to the Governor’s office. The group hopes to meet with the Governor’s office in the near future. The document covers State EMS Leadership, Workforce Shortage, Fiscal Sustainability, System Restructuring, Health Integration and the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP).

LOSAP 2017 Points – Bob Franz

The 2017 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, 2017 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2017.

It is recommended that each member have more than 50 points at December 31, 2017 so that any subsequent correction of posting errors (such as, activity posted to the wrong member account, duplicate activity posting etc.) will not cause the member to have less than 50 points and therefore not qualify for a year of service credit for 2017.

Explorer Post 215 – Susanna (Sue) Otto – There are Five (5) New Dispatchers. Sixteen (16) Explorers have been trained in Narcan Administration. The Explorers will be hosting their Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser. The Dinner will be held on January 20, 2018. Please come out and support our Explorer Post. A mother of an Explorer has volunteered to be an Advisor.

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

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

Special Events Committee - Brian Canty - The HCFAS Children’s Holiday Party will take Place on a Sunday, December 10, 2017 from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM. The Adult Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017 from 5:30 PM until 10:30 PM.

Stand-by – Samantha Mohr – Please See Postings downstairs on the Bulletin Board in the Ready Room.

Computer Committee – James Mallilo – Jim is working on all the Computer problems along with committee members Andrew Campagnola and Paul Bayer and our computer consulting firm.

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Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski – Total Donations collected \$91,623.00. The third wave has gone out already.

Hands Only CPR – Kathleen Castillo - Shout out to Michael Jacoby for donating pumps to the HOCPR committee for our new mannequins. Thank you!
We will be having a HOCPR demo for the Boy Scouts on December 15th. If you want to check us out, please reach out to me or Kelly Murphy.

Uniform Committee – Maxine Epstein – The HCFAS Winter Coats are scheduled to arrive by the end of December 2017. E-mail Maxine with any questions. Board Liaison Rich Stone stated that permanent Dispatchers and Administrative members are not eligible for these winter coats.

Old Business:

An application was received on 11/6/17 for the Huntington Holiday Parade, November 26, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Do we want to participate? Consensus – Yes.

Captain Andrew Campagnola discussed E-PCR Program. Discussions held regarding same. Training to resume next week.

New Business:

Roger mentioned that the Elevator is out of service and parts have been ordered and it should be repaired by tomorrow. Roger needs volunteers to help with the Holiday Decorations (Decorate Christmas Trees and set up the outdoor Manger and Hanukkah Menorah.. Anyone who would like to assist with decorating please contact Roger.

Lehti Laas thanked Diane Tanko for completing the Graphics for the Long Islander Salute for Our Veterans at the last minute.

Please send Information regarding notable calls to Lehti Laas, Alyssa Axelrod or Seth Fischer.

Lehti Laas informed the members that she would like to arrange for an HCFAS Group Photo to be taken next month. Details to follow.

Maxine Epstein and Sharon Cullen- Kutcher will be labelling all the Nitroglycerine with the Expiration dates.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee:

Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Andrew Taylor, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Greg Orr, Angie Kalodukas, Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack and Mary Winter

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Raffles - Various Gifts

- Turkey Basket – Manuel Aviles
- Turkey Basket– Brian Canty
- Turkey Basket – Lorely Villamide-Herrera
- Spiral Ham Basket– Dominic Heavey
- Pork Shoulder – Tim Quigley
- Giancarlo Wine – Lisa Mohr
- Piemonte Barbera – Annette Hershkowitz
- LaForge Estate Merlot – Samantha Mohr
- Chevalier Gouvion Bordeaux – Tom O’Leary
- Apple Pie & Ice Cream – Karen Martin
- Apple Pie & Ice Cream – Suzie Biagi
- Apple Pie & Ice Cream – Donald Freed

Motion by Richard Stone and seconded by Tony Cruz to adjourn the meeting at 2100 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible members 85, probationary 12, Total: 97

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: November 30, 2017

Approved: December 11, 2017

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad

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Date: December 11, 2017

Officers:

President John Palmieri	PRESENT
Vice President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Keith Tamayo	ABSENT
Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Richard Stone	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Casey Orr	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Matthew Valle	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Manuel Aviles	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Patrick Donegan	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain David Kaufman	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Ann Donegan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Campagnola	PRESENT

Prior to the start of the Meeting: Group photo of all members in attendance taken by Tony Cruz. Arrangements made by Lehti Laas.

Meeting called to order at 19:45 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President John Palmieri that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 99).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Bob Franz

Bob, will you please lead us in the Pledge to honor our Flag and Country.

President Palmieri asked that members remain Standing to observe a moment of silence to honor all HCFAS Members and all Americans in service to our Country. Thank You.

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

President's Report – John Palmieri

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

Ex-Chief Dominic Heavey's Father-in-Law

We would like to welcome back Ferd Neumann #369. It's great to see Ferd here again and we hope he rejoins us soon.

Last month I welcomed Roger back and now I can welcome Mary back. Hopefully the Winters are done rotating hospital stays.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service): Tonight we honor three long term HCFAS Members:

Sue Manning #666 – 35 years

The youngster of the group is Sue Manning, #666 with 35 years of service to HCFAS and more as a Nurse at Huntington Hospital. She has served on the QA/QI committee, the First Aid Supply committee and the Exit Interview committee. She was awarded Life Membership in 2006. She still rides on Thursday night. Sue could not be here tonight.

Mary Winter #485 – 40 years

Next up is Mary Winter, #485 with 40 years of service. She has served on the Ambulance Orientation committee, Review Training, Dispatch Training, New Building, Social committee and now Membership committee. She served as Secretary of the Board of Directors in 1986 and in 1987. She was awarded Life Membership in 1995. Mary taught EMT Classes for over twenty years. Mary now serves as an Administrative Member.

Mary Brenner #487 – 40 years

And Finally, Mary Brenner, #487 also with 40 years of service and true to the way she lives her life. Mary is on a Cruise right now. We will honor her next month. Besides her list of accomplishments which is too long to go over twice.

I will entertain a motion to change the order of business for the following:

Second Reading, discussion and vote of a By-Law Amendment. Motion by Richard Stone and seconded by Roger Winter to change order of business.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed By Law Change #4-2017 – Second Reading – Read by President John Palmieri and discussion and vote followed.

By-Law Proposal: #04-2017

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To add a classification of Affiliate Active Membership.

Background/Justification:

With the evolution of society, there are individuals that want and desire to volunteer, but do not have the ability to do so at the level of four hours per week. Additionally, the Squad is in need of qualified volunteers to answer the ever-increasing call volume.

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

ARTICLE III – Section 1 - Classifications

Membership in the Corporation shall be classified as per the following:

Active

Affiliate Active

Associate

Honorary

20-Year Exempt

Life Membership

ARTICLE III – Section 3 – Affiliate Active Membership

An Affiliate Active Member must complete, or have completed, all the same requirements for Active Membership; they must be an active EMT or higher with another agency with at least two years of experience, or an existing member of the Squad with at least two years as an Active Member; and they must commit to a minimum of twenty-four hours per calendar quarter.

Affiliate Active Members will not be entitled to all the rights and privileges of an Active Member. They shall not be entitled to vote on any matters of the Corporation; they shall not be entitled to Squad purchased life insurance; they shall not be entitled to be certified by the Board of Directors of the Squad as enrolled members for purposes of any Property Tax reduction provided by the Town of Huntington; and they shall not be entitled to attend the annual installation and dinner/dance in their own right. The only social events they are entitled to attend are the annual Squad picnic, the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, provided they participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the annual holiday party. Affiliate Active Members are entitled to accrue LOSAP benefits provided they meet the necessary requirement under the LOSAP program.

Renumber existing Article III, Sections 3-9 to Sections 4-10

Proposers

Brian Canty #757 /s/

Elizabeth Mohr #1292 /s/

Ann Maloney #921 /s/

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Vote: Yes - 29 No- 62 (requires two thirds vote) Motion not carried.

**Motion made by Elizabeth Mohr to Destroy the Ballots Seconded by Patrick Donegan.
Motion Carried – Ballots Destroyed.**

Secretary's Report – By Robert Franz

Motion by James Barkocy seconded by Richard Stone to approve the November 13, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted.

Thank you letters and cards received for: Services Provided: Barbara Mosera, Allan Carb and Rose Ann Demant; Dog Save: Christine Dottino; and Holiday Cards from vendors and members.

Proposed By-Laws Amendments

Proposed By-Laws Amendment 04-2017 was read at the November 13, 2017 General Membership meeting and will be read for the second time at tonight's General Membership meeting and discussed and voted on.

SOP Changes #03-2017 and #04-2017

At the November 16, 2017 Board of Directors meeting, the Board amended and approved two SOP changes which were read and discussed at the November General Membership meeting. SOP Change #03-2017 realigns the functions of the Second and Third Deputy Chiefs in accordance with the By-Laws - moves operational responsibility for building maintenance to Board of Directors and moves EMS supplies and equipment from the Second Deputy Chief to the Third Deputy Chief.

SOP Change #04-2017 enhances the restriction of members from being on Squad Property after having consumed alcoholic beverages.

Secretary Bob Franz – Thank you

It was a pleasure to serve as the HCFAS 2017 Secretary. I would like to thank past Secretary & Director Lehti Laas for her assistance in the preparation of the Board of Directors' minutes, personnel reports & keeping track of member's LOA's on a spreadsheet for the Board and First Deputy Chief.

Thanks to Christine Tedone for preparing the General Membership minutes and writing all the letters to the members for personnel actions such as, LOA's, Return to Duty, Off Probation and change in membership status. Thanks to Mary Brenner for writing thank you letters for contributions. Thanks to Karen Reim for writing the group life insurance program enrollment letters during the year and Christy Stiles for reviewing the census reports and invoices.

My thoughts and prayers are forever with the General Membership Meeting Sergeant at Arms Jerry Giacomini – who will always be missed.

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174 Thank you to Chris Roulo for making the arrangements with SC Board of Elections for our
175 voting machine and to Annette Hershkowitz and all her assistants for running the Squad's annual
176 election and for Annette's and Ferd Neumann's help at the GMM.

177 Many thanks to everyone for being there and answering call after call during the year – a
178 monumental job well done. Thank you everyone who served as a committee chairperson or a
179 committee member during 2017, the Squad could not function and accomplish all that we did
180 without your participation.

181 It was a pleasure working with my fellow board members and operational officers in 2017.

182 Thank you to all the 2017 directors and operational officers for your diligent and hard work in
183 making the squad a great success in 2017 and laying the ground work for 2018. As we begin to
184 celebrate our fifty-first year, I wish to thank all our members both active and inactive who
185 contributed so much to HCFAS over the years to make HCFAS what it is today. HCFAS is the
186 premiere ambulance squad in Suffolk County.

187 I wish everyone success in the upcoming election and wish everyone Happy Holidays.

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189 **President's Report (continued) John Palmieri**

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191 **Actions of the Board of Directors**

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193 **Approved – November 16**

194 Motion to Approve the purchase of UPS Power Supplies

195 Motion to Approve Continuation of HCFAS Accident and Sickness

196 Policy Insurance.

197 Motion to Purchase a Network Storage Device

198 Motion to Participate in the 2017 Holiday Parade

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200 Report on Billing - \$4,000,000 Billed, \$1,600,000 Collected, \$1,050,000 Paid to HCAD from
201 District Receivables plus \$ 90,000 Paid to PAB. The Town of Huntington is working on final
202 figures, but as of now, we do not agree that the Ambulance District owes us \$350,000 for 2017.
203 The final amount should increase by \$30,000 to \$40,000.

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205 This being the last General Membership Meeting that I will host as President, I would like to
206 thank the people who made these last two years successful. The 2016 Board of Directors; David
207 Mohr, Vice President, Brian Canty, Treasurer, Robert Franz, Secretary and Directors Seth
208 Fischer, Lorely Herrera, Greg Orr and Rich Stone. They inaugurated the steps that made 2017
209 possible. The 2017 Board of Directors; Seth Fischer, Vice President, Brian Canty, Treasurer,
210 Robert Franz, Secretary and Directors, Ann Schwartz, Rich Stone, Keith Tamayo, Roger Winter
211 and Chief Casey Orr. They took on the brand new concept of paid personnel and billing. The
212 Squad went from a contract of about 1.6 million to \$200,000.00. They, with the total support of
213 the membership made it work.

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It hasn't all been fun but it's been an honor and I cherish the memories of it all. Thank you for allowing me to act as your President for the past two years. We do great things here and I know that the 2018 Board will push us even harder and accomplish more.

Congratulations to all of our members who ran for positions. Condolences to those who won.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – No Report

Officers' Reports

Chief's Report – Casey Orr - Report Posted

- Holiday Parade: Thank you to those who helped build the float and to Danny for leading the project. Thank you to everyone who came out for the parade!
- Anniversary Pins
- YTD 24's – 39 (this time last year we had 70)
- Wednesday, November 29th: Double pedestrian struck MVA in the village. One patient was flown out to SBU and the other was taken to NUMC.
 - The individual who was taken to SBU: She was in hypovolemic shock upon arrival to the ED, injuries included subarachnoid hemorrhage, subdural hematoma, Intraventricular hemorrhage, bilateral frontal brain bruises. Multiple spine and rib fractures. Facial fractures and bilateral orbit fractures. Broken right arm, Large pneumothorax, Ankle fracture, Tib/Fib fracture, Pelvic fracture, Spinal fusion surgery pending. She's got a very long road ahead of her but is making improvements.
 - The individual who was taken to NUMC: fractured clavicle and fractured ribs.
 - Crew: Manny Aviles, Tyler Gibbs, Sam Mohr, Paul Kelly, Eric Kramer, Karen Sprague-Wong, Tiffany White, Paramedic Kerry Carlock and myself
- Cardiac Arrest Save – Friday, December 1st on the 1100 shift. Call came in as a 17-B-3 falls, upon arrival the crew found the patient to be in cardiac arrest. Crew was Nathan Bruskin, Cynthia Feliciano, Tom O'Leary, Rich Gerbolini and Paramedic Kerry Carlock
- Off Probation – Badges were presented to members
- Fifteen (15) and Ten (10) Year Pin was presented to Members Gina Angevine (15) and Keith Davis (10).

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

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped out this past year to make an amazing year. I want to especially thank Mary Winter and Bill McGlone for all of their hard work this year in assisting me. As well as the Officers Secretary Chris Roulo, I don't know what I would have done without you guys.

Just a reminder, the 4th Quarter ends at the end of the year; please make sure your hours and finger readers are up to date.

Again, thank you to everyone for all the hard work and keep up the amazing job you are all doing, I had a wonderful year with all of you and I hope to be able to do it again next year.

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Matthew Valle – Report Posted

Please see below for my recent updates as Second Deputy. Thank you everyone for your assistance with identifying equipment issues. This is important to ensure they are resolved within a timely manner.

Second Deputy Updates:

- The Hands Only CPR Committee and Myself will be conducting an event with the Maplewood School Cub Scouts this Friday.
- December's Review Training was on Autism. Please remember to complete it and others that were published in 2017. Any Review Trainings done after 2018 will not count for LOSAP.
- Thank you also for this opportunity to service as Second Deputy this past year. It was a privilege and I am extremely grateful for the number of members who helped me make 2017 a successful year.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Keith Rubenstein – Absent – No Report

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Manuel Aviles – Report Posted

November Stats (November 1, 2017- November 30, 2017)

Alarms.....6055 as 12/11/17 at 3:30 PM

Signal 24's..... 39 (0.6)

Signal 24's for 2016.....70

Duplicate calls.....173

Delete calls..15

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Signal 24 breakdown by Day of Week as of December 10, 2017

Sunday.....5 (YTD)
Monday.....1 (YTD)
Tuesday..... 6 (YTD)
Wednesday.....10 (YTD)
Thursday..... 3(YTD)
Friday.....10 (YTD)
Saturday.....4 (YTD)

January 2016..4 February 2016...12 March 2016...6 April 2016...1

May 2016...5 June 2016...4 July 2016...5 August 2016...9

September 2016...4 October 2016...8 November 2016...5

December 2016...6

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January 2017...7 February 2017...3 March 2017...3 April 2017...6

May 2017...1 June 2017...5 July 2017...1 August 2017...2

September 2017...3 October 2017...3 November 2017...4

December 2017...1

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Patrick Donegan – Report Posted

I want to thank everyone who continues to support the overnight shift. The overnight shift is still completely vacant. If anyone needs or knows someone who may need hours come on down. All help is appreciated.

Special Thanks to: Josh Berman, Jon Domanick, Audin Delva, Jack Kovalsky, New Member Joe Corcoran, and anyone else I may have missed. Thank you all for continuing to Make Sundays successful.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy – Report Posted - Given by Captain Kathleen Castillo

Well today as yet another busy Monday with 16 calls by 16:30 and as always covering them all with only 3 rigs in service to top it off. You are amazing!

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Now that we are approaching the end of the year I would like to personally thank Company 2, Company 8 and various members from other days that come in to fill shifts every Monday. Thank you to other Officers for helping me and supporting me to be the best Captain I could be during the past year. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to have served in Office for 2017 and also for our 50th Anniversary year.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to everyone and their families.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Ferd Neumann was taken to Huntington hospital by one of our crews in mid November. He is currently at home but the 2300 is in need of a driver for the foreseeable future. Anyone who is up to matching Ferd's longstanding dedication to this shift, please let me know you can fill in. The 1500 could use a third Crew Leader as it is always extremely busy. The 1100 shift has no official drivers until next year, though Bobby Loysch has continued doing this shift.

The Tuesday 1900 had an unusual cold exposure where a patient was stuck outside for a long time and the crew and hospital did an excellent job rewarming.

Well done to all companies for their repeated diligence in covering all our calls. Thank you all for your dedication, support, and participation over the past year. There have been many changes such as BLS 12 leads, check and inject epinephrine, EMS billing, new hour requirements, multiple electronic PCR softwares which we have all worked through together, overcoming challenges and advancing our organization. We have much to look forward to in 2018 including another new ambulance. Happy holidays and I hope to see you all at the squad holiday party.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent – Report Given by Member Eric Kramer

Good evening, I would first like to congratulate all of the incoming officers of this coming year. Additionally, I would like to acknowledge what a pleasure it has been serving as captain for the past two years!

Company 4, while I may not be running this year, you have not seen the last of me! When I first joined almost 5 years ago I was a kid in the candy store looking for direction and guidance, I was soon adopted into Wednesday's and never left. Each and every member understands and represents strong leaders and mentors which is what makes each shift so successful.

We have taken in three new members this year with open arms; Solange, Erik and Roxanne; it has been a pleasure and HCFAS is lucky to have you!

We have also experienced some tragic unexpected loss however I have no doubt that company 4 will continue to hold each other close as they have throughout the past few months.

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We have a few members retiring as well this year from their career at HCFAS; to those of you I wish you the best of luck and I hope you know that your dedication and selflessness will be remembered for years to come.

We will be having a small gathering the last Wednesday of December (the 27th) at approximately 5:00 o'clock to celebrate another successful year and to wish farewell to those leaving. Feel free to come down and hang out especially those who help answer calls when needed. Thank you.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Ann Donegan – Report Posted

As my final month of captain grows to a close, I want to let all of my wonderful members how much I appreciate them. I would especially like to thank Tom O'Leary, Fiona Witkowski, Bob Biersack, Sara Manning and David Kaufman for the extra guidance they have done. In addition, there are so many crew members who have gone above and beyond riding calls and filling shifts.

Thursday has many great crew members, Tom O'Leary, Marty Locascio, Lorraine Healy, Drew Zimmerman, Liz Beach, Fiona Witkowski, Jim Lupo, Robert Biersack, Vannessa Cortez Hernandez, Sara Manning, Jayne Erickson, Tom Schirippa, Sara Manning, Sue Siebel, Claire Tesoriero, Jonathan Stone, Casey Stone, Sue Martin, Eric Autz, David Kaufman, Carol Niceforo, John Abraham, Justin Cook and Louis Dell.

I want to thank all of the extra members who helped me fill my day and thanks to Scott Matus and Joe Losquadro for being awesome medics. Again, Thursdays are a wonderful group of people and I am very proud to have been their captain.

Friday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – Report Posted

Thank you all for another wonderful year allowing me to serve as your captain. It was a pleasure to work with an awesome group of officers.

I want to thank everyone who came in and went above and beyond. I am truly blessed with the relationships and bonds I have made with my squad family.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Healthy Holiday season, and New Year! Stay safe and love each other!

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report– Andrew Campagnola – Report Posted

Spring, summer and fall are just about behind us and winter is coming! This past Saturday we had the first Snowfall of the year. While it was not a lot of snow it was just the right amount to get us back in the swing of things for winter. We handled it like a well oiled machine and had no

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issues at all. The Friday 1900/2300 made sure all the rigs were checked out with gas and supplies. We had members that positioned all the vehicles inside the building so the snow plows could work and members were being picked up as needed to fill the shifts. It was a slow day to start but by the end of it all we had 20 calls with 18 of them being in the last 12 hours of the shift. Great Job by all and let's keep up that momentum for the winter ahead.

With only 3 weeks left in this year I am happy to report how well off Saturday is. Throughout the year we have picked up many new members. From a 24 perspective we are ultra low with 4 for the year. I constantly say this but Saturday is made up of not just Saturday members but members from all other days of the week. When I create our schedule I believe we are an extremely diverse group of people with the most members that ride on multiple days.

I want to thank all the members and officers this year for making Saturday so successful this year. I am so grateful to have been a Captain for HCFAS this year and hope to continue serving in the years to come. I am here to support the next Captain and wish them the best of luck in 2018.

Though we are answering up to all the calls we get in, we could still use some help. We are looking for a 2nd due Driver on the 0700 and a Dispatcher for the 1500. Also a Dispatcher for the 2300 Shift is welcome as well. All help is always appreciated. Happy Holidays to all and I wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

LOSAP 2017 Points – Bob Franz

The 2017 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, 2017 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2017.

It is recommended that each member have more than 50 points at December 31, 2017 so that any subsequent correction of posting errors (such as, activity posted to the wrong member account, duplicate activity posting etc.) will not cause the member to have less than 50 points and therefore not qualify for a year of service credit for 2017.

Thanks to Jim Mallilo and Angie Kalodukas for entering all the members' LOSAP points in the system and posting periodic reports during the year and Christy Stiles for assisting with the TOH annual audit.

Legislation: NYS Legislative bill S0899 (Senator Croci) A06873 (Assemblyman Thiele) – Bob Franz

Recently Governor Cuomo signed S0899 / A06873 into law (Chapter 426). The purpose of the bill is to make changes to the volunteer ambulance service award defined benefit program including a requiring a mandatory referendum for certain changes to the point system and authorizing the lowering of the entitlement to age 55. The law is effective on 1/1/18.

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This change in NYS General Municipal Law would allow the Town of Huntington to approve a referendum to be voted on by our HCFAS defined benefit program from 65 to as low as 55 years of age.

Thank you everyone who sent an email or called the Governor's office in support of this bill. This was also supported by the NYS Volunteer Ambulance Association, Suffolk County Ambulance Chief's Association and many ambulance squads in SC.

Explorer Post 215 – Susanna (Sue) Otto – Sue thanked everyone who helped out with The Floats. Everyone enjoyed the Parade. She also wanted to thank all the Advisors as they were all very helpful. She has two new Female Advisors on her committee. The Explorer Post Pasta Dinner Fundraiser will be held on January 20, 2018.

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

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

Special Events Committee - Brian Canty – A Special Thanks to everyone who helped with The Adult and Children's Holiday Parties.

Stand-by – Samantha Mohr – All Stand-Bys will be posted in the Ready Room downstairs.

Computer – James Mallilo – All computers are now up and running.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski (Report given by Pete) – We are happy to announce that the Fund Drive has hit the magic number of \$100,139.00. So far, this year and that we still have three weeks to go. In all of my 34 years of being a member of this committee, I believe we have only reached this mark four times.

Mary and I want to Thank Roger Winter who came on board this year for all the help he has given us, especially when we design and follow through with the 50th Anniversary Flyer, that was sent to the public in our first fund drive mailing and to all the people who Roger canvassed to get this information. Thank You.

A special thanks to the Board of Directors who approved all three (3) mailings.

Mary is traveling on the High Seas & enjoying the sun on her way to Cuba.

Hands Only CPR – Kathleen Castillo – On December 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM a CPR demonstration will be provided at Headquarters to the Maplewood School Boy Scouts. They gave out Shirts to members who volunteer their time.

50th Anniversary Committee – Martha Brenner – The 50th Anniversary Committee is making a Journal for 2017. Martha needs help with the Journal. The committee meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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Old Business: None

New Business:

A request was made by the Town on Huntington to participate in the inauguration of incoming Supervisor Chad Lupinacci at WWHS at 7:00 PM on January 2, 2018. They also would like a commitment from us to provide a Color Guard. Anyone who is interested in attending must show up in Full Uniform.

ePCR - Andrew Campagnola -130 Members have been trained on the e-PCR so far.

Tom O'Leary suggested that we invite the Paramedics to the Adult Christmas Party.

Bob Franz suggested that everyone check their LOSAP Points for 2017. Everyone should have at least 55 Points just in case of any errors or discrepancies. Also see legislative report above - the TOH would have to approve a referendum to change the retirement entitlement age from 65 years to 55 years of age.

Lehti Laas thanked Member Tony Cruz for taking the Squad's Holiday Group Photo. She also thanked Roger for posting the photo on Facebook. If anyone knows of any notable calls please forward them to Lehti.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee:

Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Andrew Taylor, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Claire Tesoriero, Greg Orr, Angie Kalodukas and Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack, Mary Winter

Raffles - Various Gifts

- **Panera Bread** – Mary Sissini
- **Panera Bread** – Jim Ingwersen
- **Panera Bread** – Cecilia Melgar
- **Outback Gift Card** – Bob Biersack
- **Home Depot Gift Card** – Danny Mugavero
- **Pino Grigio** – Vanessa Gallego
- **Piemonte Barbera** – Ann Schwartz
- **Le Carredon Cabernet Sauvignon** – Beatrice Martinez
- **Deligeroy Brut Champagne** – Chrissie Russo Tedone

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Report of Election Ballot Vote Counters – Peter Nakelski, Christine Roulo & Joanne Vogel

**Vote Count Summary for the 2018 Board of Directors and Operational Officers
General Election: December 11, 2017**

202 votes were cast

Board of Directors: Vote for only four (4)

61 Jeffrey Daniels

60 Donald Freed

48 William Connolly

146 Robert Franz

150 Brian Canty

49 James Mallilo

132 Seth Fischer

30 Louis Dell

Chief: Vote for only One (1)

162 Casey Orr

1st Deputy Chief: Vote for only One (1)

151 Elizabeth Mohr

2nd Deputy Chief: Vote for only One (1)

95 Keith Rubenstein

Write in: David Mohr 78

3rd Deputy Chief: Vote for only One (1)

75 Andrew Campagnola

Write in: Jeffrey Brenner **111**

Chief Dispatcher: Vote for only One (1)

92 Patricia Tufo

Write in: Andrew Taylor 87

Day Captain: Vote for only Seven (7)

122 Manuel Aviles

Write in: Tiffany White 23

107 Kathryn Donegan

96 Daniel Mugavero

133 Michael Como

144 David Kaufman

131 Ryane Como

143 Kathleen Castillo

165 Kelly Murphy

44 John Kovalsky

Motion by Mark Brenner and seconded by Ann Schwartz to destroy the ballots.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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610 Motion by Samantha Mohr and seconded Mark Brenner by to adjourn the meeting
611 At 2030 hours.

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614 Members in Attendance: Eligible members 108, probationary 11, Total: 119

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617 Respectfully Submitted,

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619 *Christine A. Tedone*

620 Recording Secretary

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622 *Robert J. Franz*

623 Secretary

624 Draft posted: January 6, 2018

625 Approved: January 8, 2018