

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2021 Zoom General Membership Meeting
Date: January 11, 2021

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Michael Como	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Carol Nucci	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Fiona Witkowski	PRESENT
Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Jaclyn Rittershaus	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief William Connolly	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Dale Bartolomeo	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Paul Bayer	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Eric Nazinitsky	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Colin Weigele	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Casey O’Riordan	ABSENT

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

Notice of meeting was e-mailed to the entire membership on 1/08/2021.

Meeting called to order at 1933 hours

Members in Attendance: 115. The required quorum of 50 eligible members was met.

President Seth Fischer moderated the Zoom meeting.

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

President Seth Fischer – Report Posted

I hope that everyone had a wonderful New Years. It is very exciting that we can finally put 2020 behind us (only to have 2021 in front of us).

I want to personally thank each one of you for everything you did in 2020. This was by far our toughest year on record and we succeeded. Your passion and dedication are the reason for our success; do not ever forget that we are nothing without the greatest group of volunteers in the world. In fact, we thrived because of your incredible hard work. I am personally grateful for your tremendous efforts and am really looking forward to 2021 (it can only go up from here).

“Pre-Covid”, I was very vocal about the “Volunteer Experience”. I want nothing more than to make the time we all give back to our Community to be a great one, now more than ever.

Your Board of Directors are here for you and we encourage you to be vocal. We are always available for any questions or concerns. Please understand that that if we do not know about it, we cannot help. So let us always keep the communication lines open throughout the year.

We are looking forward to our new Chief David Kaufman and supporting him in 2021. He did a phenomenal job in 2020 as third deputy chief and we anticipate another year of great success.

Over the last few weeks, our Chiefs and Operational Officers have made very smooth transitions into their respective roles and we are looking forward to having them lead HCFAS through 2021.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, we are excited to support our Operational team in 2021, and ensure they have whatever is needed.

Get Well Wishes, Congratulations and Prayers:

Get Well wishes to Deacon Ed Billia who was hospitalized and is now home recovering. Calls and texts are welcome.

Get Well wishes to Andrea Golinsky, who was briefly hospitalized and is now home recovering. Calls and texts are welcome.

Get Well wishes to Eileen Burns who was briefly hospitalized and is now home recovering. Calls and texts are welcome.

Get Well wishes to John Stevens on a speedy recovery, calls and texts are welcome.

Get Well wishes to Richie Cortes on a speedy recovery, calls and texts are welcome.

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91 Get Well wishes to Phil Orlando who was hospitalized and is home now, calls and
92 texts are welcome.

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94 Get Well wishes to Roxanne Cortes on a speedy recovery, calls and texts are welcome.

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96 Get Well wishes to Martha Brenner on a speedy recovery, calls and texts are welcome.

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98 Get Well wishes to Board Member Carol Nucci on a speedy recovery, calls and texts
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101 Get Well wishes to Bernard Poole on a speedy recovery, calls and texts are welcome.

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103 Get Well Wishes to Christy Stiles and her husband John Stiles, calls and texts are
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106 Tremendous Congratulations to Anthony Cambareri and his wife Gretchen on the birth
107 of their baby Boy John Anthony Cambareri who was actually the first baby born at
108 Stony Brook Hospital in 2021. He was born on Friday, January 1st at 1:01 PM weighing
109 in at 8 lbs. 3 oz. and is 20" inches long.

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111 Tremendous Congratulations to Samantha and Lenny Cohen on the birth of their baby
112 Boy Benjamin Elliot, who was born on January 7th at 6:50 PM, weighing 6 lbs, 6 oz.,
113 and 19.5" inches long. Samantha and Lenny are doing great. Congratulations as well
114 to Grandpa David Mohr, Grandma Lisa Mohr and Captain Aunt Liz Mohr.

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116 Congratulations as well to our own Captain Dale Bartolomeo who saved a man from
117 a bad MVA on the LIE about 2 weeks ago. Great job as always Dale. We are super
118 proud of you.

119 120 121 **Secretary's Report – Robert Franz**

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123 Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Mary Winter to approve the December 14, 2020
124 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

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126 Since December, we received thank you letters and cards received for: Services rendered:
127 The Boyle Family, Christy Stiles, Ms. Lincures, Michele & Robert Bader and John Marcinka.
128 (1980 call on Christmas night-saved his life); Memorial donations received from members in
129 memory of Carol Wissner; Good & Welfare: James Ingwersen family with a thank you for our
130 support and love, Andrea Golinsky, Peter Nakelski and Jean Giacomini. All correspondence is
131 posted on the bulletin board.

132 133 **Squad Annual Election – Secretary Bob Franz**

134 Thank you to Christine Roulo, Carolyn Mullen and Brian Canty for the vote tally at the annual
135 election.

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

President	Seth Fischer
Vice-President	Michael Como
Treasurer	Roger Winter
Secretary	Bob Franz

Board of Directors 2021

Seth Fischer – President
Michael Como – Vice President
Roger Winter – Treasurer
Robert Franz - Secretary
Brian Canty
Jeffrey Daniels
Fiona Witkowski
Carol Nucci
David Kaufman - Chief

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – No Report

Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report

Good evening Members,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I would like to give a final thank you to the officers of 2020 for all their hard work and for bringing us to where we are today. Thank you to the officers and board of 2021 for stepping up to the challenge.

I am honored to begin my term as chief of the department and I thank you all for your support. You are a group of talented, dedicated and compassionate individuals. I am so privileged to be able to work with you. 2021 will be a great year and we started off with a 28 call day on January 2nd and nobody missed a beat.

SCCC Brentwood Standby

Thank you to everyone who contacted me with availability for the SCCC Brentwood Standby. They have asked Suffolk County ambulance companies to continue to provide standby coverage. If you have any availability Monday thru Saturday 0800 to 2000 please contact me. They would appreciate any assistance over the next two weeks.

COVID-19

Chief's Order 01-2021 was issued on January 3rd as a reminder that all COVID precautions and policies are still in effect. If you have any questions please contact your captain or the appropriate chief.

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Second Deputy Chief Jaclyn Rittershaus will be taking over member exposure notifications.

As First Deputy Chief Ryane Como indicated, vaccination is currently underway. We are doing everything we can to pass this information to you, the members, in the most timely and useful manner possible. The tracking of vaccinations and coordination with state, county and members has been a tremendous undertaking and for this we owe Chief Como a huge thank you.

New Paramedic:

We have added an additional paramedic, Hayley Kordisch, who will be starting within the next week or so.

Length of Service Awards:

#149 Richard Stone: 15 Years

#1150 Lorrie Stone: 15 Years

Thank you both for your service and commitment to Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

3 on a 16 Raffle Winners:

The Board of Directors has approved the continuation of this program to award up to two “Rescue” 3/16 responders: The Winners are: Andrew Giusto and Esteban Lopez.

First Deputy Chief – Ryane Como – Report

Happy New Year! I know this year didn’t start off in the way we all imagined, but I am still hopeful that it will be great. We have proven that HCFAS can overcome and thrive no matter what.

As I transition to the position of First Deputy Chief, I look forward to getting to know more of you on a personal basis and hope that everyone feels comfortable approaching me with questions or for help. I am always reachable on my cell at 716-807-5913 or via e-mail at first.deputy@hcfas.org.

Please remember that you need to achieve 48 hours every quarter. Finger in and out on the same shift and complete a finger read adjustment form if you have a mismatch or forgot to finger in or out.

If you are interested in entering the driver training program, please speak to your Day Captain to confirm you are eligible and then submit a copy of your license to my mailbox noting that it is for driver training. Thank you to Jeffrey Brenner for staying on as Chair of the Driver Training Committee this year.

Vaccination sign-ups for riding members that qualified under Phase 1 have been ongoing since December 23rd. If you did not sign up but are still interested in securing an appointment, please email or call me. We are still awaiting information from the State to sign up dispatch and admin

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members. As soon as I have links to book appointments I will be sending out emails. I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding that much of this process is out of our control.

The state is beginning the process of making EMT's Vaccinators. Training classes have been posted on the Vital Signs Academy website. We are still in the process of determining our participation as an agency. More details will follow once we have a plan in place.

N95's and eye protection should continue to be worn on every call, regardless of call type. We continue to get confirmation of positive patients displaying no classic symptoms. Please continue to be vigilant with PPE and disinfection. If you have any questions regarding procedures please do not hesitate to ask.

If you have any symptoms, have traveled or had a positive exposure outside of the squad, please notify me immediately and do not come to the building until we have spoken. We have been working very hard since March to protect the membership and will continue to do so until this pandemic is over. We are a family at the squad and everyone's cooperation is necessary to keep us healthy and operational. Currently, we have 2 members that are positive and 2 members quarantining due to exposures. All of these members contracted the virus or were potentially exposed with contacts outside of HCFAS.

Thank you everyone for your continued service to your community. Be kind to one another, wash your hands and stay healthy!

Information towards end of meeting follows:

Information on Phase 1b was sent to all administrative and dispatch members today. Unfortunately, this is a State run program and everything is being done online. Members must keep checking back for available appointments. I will continue to disseminate information as I receive it. If you have problems or questions, please reach out to me via phone or e-mail.

For those members that have already received their first vaccine dose, you should be receiving an email from the POD to schedule your second dose. If you are one week out of the date when you should be receiving the second dose (28 days for Moderna, 21 for Pfizer) and you have not received an e-mail, please reach out to me ASAP so that I can assist you in contacting the POD.

Second Deputy Chief – Jaclyn Rittershaus – Report

Happy New Year to all! The January Review Training on cold emergencies is out. Please complete it as soon as possible. It's a brand-new year and a brand-new chance to stay on top of your review trainings!

Thank you Dr. Brandler, Fiona and the QA/QI committee for setting up this month's CME on COVID-19 next Monday! Keep an eye out for the Zoom registration link.

I just received an e-mail today from Huntington Hospital saying that they will be offering lectures via Microsoft Teams twice a month (the first Thursday and third Tuesday at 7PM)

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starting February! These lectures will count as one hour of non-core CME credit for those who attend. More information is to come about that.

I have been receiving notifications from the hospital nearly every day about patients we transported who turned out to test positive. Many of them didn't exhibit the relevant symptoms. A good number of you have been great about wearing N95's on every call but I'd like to stress the importance of wearing goggles on each call as well, which has been recommended by the NYSDOH. When I get a notification that a patient with no symptoms turned out to test positive and I look at the PCR, I want to be relieved to see that you were prepared with at minimum an N95, goggles and gloves! Michael Jacoby and Mike Capotosto shared with me a nifty trick to avoid the terrible fog that builds up in the goggles - simply place a piece of medical tape at the bridge of the nose! Thank you, Michaels.

If your EMT or CPR card is expiring within the next six months, please reach out to me to let me know of your plans to re-certify and for help with making a plan if you need. Any of you who are new EMT's (Congrats Casey McCormack, Equislaure Gabriel and anyone else I didn't know about yet!) Make sure you enroll in the CME program and speak with the Great Pamela Brenner!

Now that I've mentioned a few things, I'd like to say it's an honor to serve as your Second Deputy this year. I will try my best to both keep things on track and make improvements to help the members and the agency progress. I'd like to sincerely thank Ryane Como for putting up with my countless questions these past few weeks, which unfortunately, won't be the last of them and for taking a lot of time out of her busy schedule to help me get acquainted with the role. All the while working full time, caring for adorable Teddy AND learning a new role herself as First Deputy Chief! You are so smart and genuinely care about the well-being and success of this agency and our members, Ryane. I hope I can be at least half as good of a second deputy as you were the last two years.

With that said, if anyone has any suggestions or ideas to discuss, please never hesitate to contact me! I always like learning different perspectives. Besides, I am a work in progress and look to benefit from all the feedback I can get!

Third Deputy Chief – William Connolly – Report

Thank you for electing me to serve as Third Deputy. I am looking forward to working with everyone. This year I am going to hold a monthly work detail, for members on probation or for anyone who like to attend.

I would like to thank David Kaufman for assisting me in the transition in this new role. Have a Happy and safe New Year.

Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto – Report

First: Thank you everyone for electing me as the Squad's new Chief Dispatcher. Thank you to all the officers and the board for all the hard work in 2020. I look forward to continued work

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299 with Mike Barker and the Dispatch Training and Test Coordinators to keep getting our new
300 members through dispatch training and out on the road.

301 If anyone has any questions, comments, or suggestions please don't hesitate to reach out.

302 **Dispatch Training:**

303 Cassie Nguyen, Juliet Costa and Evan Barnes passed their dispatch tests this week.

304 **POST 215 Dispatch Training:**

305 Justin Adler, Brooke Brigati, Allison Brown, Isha Dave, Erin Gallagher, Ashley Genao, Sylvie
306 Grand-Pierre, and Jamie Suesser - attended both Class #1 and Class #2 on Sunday 10 January
307 and some of them will be invited to the Advanced Class in the next few weeks.

308 **Call Statistics:**

309 December had 496 total calls, 2 Signal 24's, averaging 16.1 calls per day.

310 2020 saw 13 Signal 24's on 5,531 calls for a rate of 0.24%. We are 539 calls behind last year,
311 and have a transport percentage of only 71.4% - down from our typical 85%.

312 2020 saw 726 backup responders! Huge thank you to everyone who answered up, our 24 rate
313 wouldn't be so low without you all.

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

316 **Other Business:**

317 A reminder on calls with ALS units responding: If the medic transports, remember to add "ALS
318 Run Call" to the CAD, but do not add an extra "(P)" to the ambulance. However, if two
319 paramedics or CCs go to the call, be sure to put the appropriate (P) and (CC) on whichever
320 vehicle they respond in.

321 Thank you for your hard work and stay safe.

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323 **Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain Dale Bartolomeo – Report Posted**

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325 Happy New Year all!! Hope everyone has a safe and healthy new year.

326 Let's have a great year!! If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me by e-mail,
327 Text or phone call my phone is always on.

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329 I will apologize early on into this year due to my work schedule and COVID-19 I will continue
330 to only be around in person every other Sunday until things get closer to back to normal.

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332 Once again I'm honored to be elected as Day Captain for another term. I will continue to do my
333 best for my HCFAS family.

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335 As always please remember to Clock **IN** and **OUT** after completing either your 4 or 8 hour shift.

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The new finger reader by dispatch allows members to see what time they clocked in so everyone can now tell what time they need to clock out to receive credit for the full shift.

Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Paul Bayer – Report by 1st DC

Hello HCFAS volunteers from your new Monday Captain! I am very honored to have this opportunity to contribute to the health of our agency and our community!

My first shout out is to Kelly Murphy for her dedication over the last four years to the Captaining of Mondays. Her dedication has prepared Monday to be in a great position as we move forward into 2021.

My second shout-out is to the Monday crews who have cautiously and optimistically accepted me as their Captain this year - I look forward to continuing a smooth running day!

Speaking of smooth running operations, on Monday the 4th, the 1500 crew responded to an MVA involving 2 cars and 5 patients and was able to handle everything without paging out. So thanks to Kyoko Saito, Rod Gabriel, Tim Ebert, Jake Levinsky, Esteban Lopez, Kathleen Rosselli, Mary Brenner, Mark Brenner and Post Member Isha Dave who dispatched during the call.

Additionally - Congratulations to Evan Barnes who passed his Dispatch test on Saturday 1/9/21 and will be riding as an observer beginning Monday, 1/11/21.

Juliet Costa also passed her Dispatch test on Monday 1/11/21.

Of course, no Captain's report is complete without a pleading for help! We need a full second due crew on both shifts, as well as a second full crew on the overnight. We also need ALS on most shifts. If you're looking to fulfill your hours on a great day with great people – please give me a call and let me know when is good for you!

Thanks for everything that you all do - I'm looking forward to a great year!

Company 3 - Tuesday Day Captain Elizabeth Mohr - Report

Thank you to everyone for welcoming me to another year as the Tuesday Day Captain. I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

The hard work and dedication of the Tuesday members does not go unnoticed. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to what 2021 brings.

Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Eric Nazinitsky – Report by Captain Mohr

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I would like to start by thanking everyone for their support in this past election. I will be taking over for Katie Donegan as your Wednesday Captain and look forward to working with the incoming Chiefs and Officers for a great and successful 2021!

All members are invited to come down on any shift I can be reached anytime via my cell # (631)-406-3896 or by e-mail at wednesday.captain@hcfas.org

Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Colin Weigle – Absent – Report by Captain Castillo

Happy New Year HCFAS!

Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone for their support in electing me as the Thursday Day Captain for 2021. I've had the pleasure of meeting most of you so far and am very appreciative of the warm welcome I have received from everyone.

I'd also like to thank John Mancino for his support in the transition, he left some big shoes to fill, but I look forward to trying my best to fill them and to working alongside everyone during the year!

A big Congratulations to Justin Chermak, who has just recently passed his EMT-B exam!

Also, I'd like to give a quick shout-out to John Mancino, Jonathan Bram, Casey McCormick, Leslie Brown, Dino Macharola and Esteban Lopez, for their outstanding job on a call this past Thursday for a 78 y/o female who had accidentally left her car in gear and was dragged as she fell out. PT sustained a deep laceration to the back of her left knee, large skin tares to right arm, large laceration to the right elbow and a small head laceration. The crew handled the call perfectly and safely transported the PT to Huntington Hospital.

Additionally, some help is needed on Thursday, A Driver is needed on the 1100, 1500 and 2300

A crew leader is needed on the 1900 and a permanent dispatcher is needed on the 1500 and 1900. If anyone is able to fill in the spot please send me a text at (631) 388-0747, thanks.

Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Kathleen Castillo – Report

I want to welcome Michelle Franco #1626 to the Friday 1900 shift. She already has made a difference and I know she will continue to do so.

Congratulations to Alvin Espinal #1620 on passing your Dispatch test! Great job!!

I want to thank the officers that have either "retired" or moved on to other positions. I also want to welcome all the new officers and BOD members. May we continue to stay safe and love each other.

423 Happy New Year to ALL!!

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425 **Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Casey O’Riordan – Absent – Report by Captain**
426 **Bartolomeo**

427 HCFAS Family,

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429 I would like to thank you all for electing me as your new Saturday Day Captain.

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431 I am super excited to get to know everyone and I look forward to working with this years
432 Chiefs office.

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434 I hope everyone had a great holiday and I wish everyone a happy and healthy new year!

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436 **Delegate & Committee Reports:**

437 **HCFAS Group Term Life Insurance Program Changed from VESO to VFIS.**

438 **A New VFIS Beneficiary Form Needs to be Completed**

439 The VESO’s group term insurance has been replaced by VFIS which is underwritten by
440 Combined Life. A new VFIS enrollment / beneficiary designation form **must** be completed by
441 all participants. The beneficiary form and the updated HCFAS program guidelines have been
442 distributed to all participants in your Squad mail folder. Please complete, sign and date the form
443 and return it to Secretary Bob Franz’s mailbox. If anyone has any questions, please contact Bob
444 at robo4200@hotmail.com or 631-421-9121 or at the Squad extension X150.
445 You **must** be off probation to participate in this program.

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447 **LOSAP 2020 Points – Bob Franz**

448 The 2020 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. It
449 is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the
450 LOSAP point committee. All review trainings had to be completed & submitted by December
451 31, 2020 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2020.

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453 **LOSAP 2019 Annual Participant Statements - Bob Franz**

454 The December 31, 2019 LOSAP annual participant statements were distributed to all participants
455 in your member mail folder or by the USPS. Upon receipt, please review this statement carefully
456 and if any of the information is incorrect, please put a detail note with any corrections in
457 Secretary Bob Franz’s mailbox. If you require a change of beneficiary, please use HCFAS Form
458 #430 which can be found on the form rack outside the dispatch office or on the Squad website or
459 server. Many thanks go to Mary Brenner and Joe Nappi for their assistance with the statement
460 distribution. If you have any other questions, please contact Bob Franz via e-mail at
461 (robo4200@hotmail.com).

462 Thank you to Nedi Serrano & Christy Stiles for their assistance with the form distribution.

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NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Credit for 2020 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2020 on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance **Form IT-245**. As per the instructions, **you cannot claim the credit if you receive a real property tax exemption that relates to your volunteer service under Real Property Tax Law**. The ambulance workers' credit is available to full-year NYS residents who are active volunteer ambulance workers for the **entire tax year** for which the credit is claimed. A copy of the Form IT-245 & instructions is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any technical questions, consult your independent tax advisor.

10 % Property Tax Exemption – Bob Franz

The filing deadline with the Town of Huntington (TOH) Assessor is Monday March 1, 2021 for property tax year 12/01/21 to 11/30/22. **The property must be owned by the volunteer or the volunteer and spouse only.** Members who are currently receiving the 5 year or 20 year status tax exemption will have their years status renewed by the Squad by the deadline date. (See below for renewal application that must be completed and directly filed with the TOH Assessor's Office).

Current recipients who moved or sold their home prior to March 1, 2021, or had other ownership changes, 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 3/1/21 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/21), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 5, 2021. Forms were put in your squad mail folder and are posted on the bulletin board.

To be eligible, the property must be owned by the volunteer or the volunteer and spouse only, 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, 2021.

For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2021, the property can be located anywhere in Suffolk County (Call Bob Franz at 631 421-9121 or e-mail robo4200@hotmail.com for specific details).

Note for members currently receiving the property tax exemption: If you do not want the Squad to renew your property tax exemption on 3/1/21 because you intend to take the \$200 NYS income tax credit for calendar year 2022, please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 5, 2021.

New TOH Law Requirement – 10% Property Tax Exemption Renewal Requirement

As previously reported and posted on the bulletin board nine months ago, a NYS Comptroller's exemption audit recommendation to the TOH Assessor resulted in the TOH Board amending the TOH law to require the following: All property owners granted this exemption shall resubmit an

application on before status date March 1, 2021, and on or before taxable status date every five (5) years thereafter, to verify their qualifications as set forth in the law to determine continued eligibility for the exemption.

Recently the TOH Assessor mailed a TOH Renewal Form to all recipients of the Volunteer FF / Ambulance Workers exemption. Please read the TOH cover letter carefully, complete the renewal form and sign the certification. The certification signature of the applicant (and spouse, if spouse also owns the property) is required.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please contact the Town Assessor's Office since there has been various NYS Comptroller's Opinions issued over the years.

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

The SERVES Administrative Guide is in the process of being amended and will be posted on the suffolkbravest.com website at the beginning of January. Changes include expanding the footprint of eligible colleges to include on line colleges not located in Suffolk County; adding vocational schools and having some flexibility for document submission. An expanded FAQ will high light these and other aspects of the program.

- 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 an approved school with a reimbursement based upon tuition costs at Suffolk County Community College- i.e. as of November 2019 the maximum payment for a 12 plus credit schedule (full-time status) with a GPA of 3.75 to 4.00 or an "A" would be \$2,735.

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

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

The Deadline for application and documentation submission for the Spring Semester is February 1, 2021.

Applications shall be date stamped upon receipt and the earliest dated applications shall be reviewed first as SERVES funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first served basis.

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

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

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

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

Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner – Total Donations received at the end of 2020 are \$94,115.50

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

CME Committee - Pam Brenner Davis

All providers with current NYS EMT certifications in April were given a one year extension on their certification.

Core and noncore classes must still be taken 50% in person. Suffolk EMS is following strict guidelines for in person classes to ensure the safety of attendees.

Please remember you must take all 5 hours of the mandatory non-core classes for your renewals.

I'm happy to answer any questions at any time. Please reach out if you need any support.

QA/QI Committee – Fiona Witkowski –

All patients need to have a temperature taken and recorded under vital signs.

All patients need a complete assessment and a focused assessment in the area of concern.

All patients need two (2) complete sets of vital signs taken.

If COVID-19 is confirmed or suspected it needs to be listed as one of the impressions.

All PCR's need to be locked, faxed and synched before you leave the building.

Remember to obtain insurance information. If the patient is involved in an MVA as a driver, passenger or pedestrian, you must get the vehicle insurance information.

Dr. Brander, our Medical Director, will present a CME on Covid-19 next Monday, January 18th at 7:00 PM. This will be a Zoom meeting and you need to register in advance. Please contact the Second Deputy if you have not received an email with the details.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Raffles - Various Gifts:

\$25 Applebee's Gift Card – Patricia Tufo

\$25 Cheesecake Factory Gift Card – Grant Werner

\$10 Subway Gift Card – Joseph Nappi

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596 **\$25 Target Gift Card - Carol Nucci**
597 **Bottle of Red Wine – Michelle Miller**
598 **Bottle of White Wine – Michael Barker**
599 **Box of Candy - Claudia Bauer**
600 **Box of Candy – Meaghan Salzone**
601 **Box of Candy – Elizabeth Steenson**
602 **Box of Candy - Suzette Biagi**

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605 **Members in Attendance:** Eligible Members 101, Probationary 24, Total: 125

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608 **Motion made by President Seth Fischer and seconded by Secretary Robert Franz**
609 **to adjourn the General Membership meeting at 2037 hours.**
610 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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614 Respectfully Submitted,

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616 ***Christine A. Tedone***

617 Recording Secretary

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619 ***Robert J. Franz***

620 Secretary

621 Draft posted: January 15, 2021

622 Approved: February ____, 2021

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President Seth Fischer

Happy February Everyone!

I hope you are all well. We now have one month of 2021 under our belts, and we are working on all cylinders. Our Chiefs and Operational Officers, members, have all hit the ground running. We had a seamless transition during a difficult time and I am grateful for all of your contributions and your extra efforts. Our Board of Directors are also working towards a very successful 2021. Yearly vendor contracts are getting finalized along with miscellaneous housekeeping items.

We received our 2021 contract from the Town of Huntington today. The contract will be reviewed, notarized and signed off on shortly.

The gym is open so please enjoy and follow all of the COVID precautions. Please contact Cindy Cairl or Keith Tetrault for sign up. You may also speak to Esteban Lopez for Personal Training.

****Very Important**** Please make sure you are getting insurance information from our patients, especially for MVA's. This is extremely important for billing, now more than ever. We are 705 calls behind from 2020. We need names, addresses, dates of birth and social security numbers, you can get them or a cell phone number. If you have any questions please speak with your Day Captains. This is very important now more than ever and is being monitored very closely from a Board level so please make sure all the information is captured.

Special thanks to Chief Como on the hard work and long hours she put into working on vaccines for our members. There were long sleepless nights of refresh, refresh and refresh and we are all grateful for everything she has done.

The 2021 Committee List has been posted. As previously mentioned, I encourage all members not already involved with a Committee to please join one. Speak with the liaison and sign up!

Please continue to remain vigilant and observe all safety precautions. We are not out of the woods yet.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions, I would love to hear your feedback.

I am grateful as always for everyone's hard work, keep it up!

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Get well wishes to Mary Winter who was briefly hospitalized and is home recovering, Phone calls and texts are welcome.

Get well wishes to Rodriguens Gabriel on a speedy recovery, we all wish him well.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Matt Sisinni, member #985,

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Husband of member Mary Sisinni. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary, their son John and daughter Olivia, along with the rest of the family. Matt was a 20 year member on the Wednesday 2300 shift. This is a tremendous loss to the crew of Ex-Chief Heavey, Ex-Chief Rubenstein, Danny Mugavero, Kenny Cadet and Medic Emily Edgar. Those guys have some crazy stories over the 20 years with Matt. He was an amazing man with a great sense of humor. Matt was a CPR Instructor, EMT and Driver Trainer and was loved by everyone he came in contact with. Please keep the Sisinni's in your thoughts and prayers. Heaven has definitely gained an Angel.

Congratulations to Second Deputy Chief Jacklyn Rittershaus on her recent marriage to Matthew Powell. We are all very excited for you. Wishing you both many years of good health and much happiness always.

Secretary's Report – Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by John Palmieri to approve the January 11, 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

Since January, we received thank you letters and cards received for: Services rendered: Melissa Anastos & Irene Barrett; Good & Welfare: Carol Nucci; Donation and thanks from Mike & Caitlin Cumafonte for the courageous and heroic act by Sunday Day Captain Dale Bartolomeo in saving the life of their cousin Nick and a thank from the Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department for our assistance with the funeral for their member and our member James Ingwersen. ALL correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report – Roger Winter – No Report

Chief's Report – David Kaufman

Passing of Matthew Sisinni:

It is always tough losing someone. Matthew Sisinni (#985) will be dearly missed. Matt served the Squad and the community faithfully for more than 20 years. I would like to thank everyone who came to support the Sisinni family in this difficult time. There was an amazing turnout at the procession and many people went to the memorial. It's in times like these that we have to come together as a family. If anyone feels like they are struggling please reach out to an Officer.

Snow Events:

Thank you to everyone who helped out during the two recent snowstorms. In both of these events numerous members came in outside of their regular shifts to help cover. Captain Bayer did an excellent job with the first storm and Day Captains O'Riordan and Bartolomeo made sure there was adequate staff for Saturday and Sunday though they had to work for portions of the days.

Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI):

February 1st, 2021, our agency went live with the Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) capability. RSI is a procedure in which a critical patient is sedated and has an endotracheal tube placed to protect their airway. At this point, we have a few paramedics who are credentialed by Suffolk County EMS to perform RSI and will be able to while on duty. Alex Mullin and Joe Losquadro are the two currently authorized. Mike Moccaldi will be added soon. We expect the number of credentialed providers to increase in the near future. This is a capability that a few of our neighboring departments and Suffolk County Police flight medics have and we are excited to be introducing it here at HCFAS. With this capability, our paramedic may be mutual aided to a neighboring department if RSI is needed and the list of authorized providers will be posted in dispatch.

COVID-19 is still very much a threat and we need to maintain our vigilance. Despite many of our providers having been vaccinated, it is still the policy of the agency to wear the minimum PPE of a N-95 and eye protection on every call. Please ensure you follow all other shift screening, PPE and decontamination procedures as laid out in Chiefs Order #01-2021. If you have any questions please refer to your Day Captain.

New Paramedic:

We have added an additional paramedic, Alexander Mertz, who will be starting shortly.

Congratulations to Second Deputy Chief Jaclyn Rittershaus on her recent marriage to Matthew Powell.

Length of Service Awards:

1474	Vincent Castillo - 2/5/2016	5 years
1475	Steven Benjamin - 2/18/2016	5 years
1324	Carol Nucci - 2/10/2011	10 years
1325	Kelly Murphy - 2/10/2011	10 years
1328	George Reeder - 2/24/2011	10 years

Thank you for your service and commitment to Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

3 on a 16 Raffle Winners:

Shannon Gore
Jacob Levinsky

First Deputy Chief – Ryane Como

I would like to express my deepest condolences to Mary Sisinni, the Sisinni family and to the Wednesday overnight crew. May we all honor Matt's memory by living as he did, with tremendous kindness and in service to others. Thank you to everyone who attended the service at Melville Fire Department.

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175 **Vaccine:**

176 Suffolk County is coordinating POD's for the completion of Phase 1a and Phase 1b first
177 responders. I am sending information to County so that members can be contacted directly for
178 appointments as doses become available. If you have not received a first dose of the vaccine and
179 have not communicated with me or completed one of the surveys I sent out, please e-mail me at
180 first.deputy@hcfas.org so that I can add your name to the list.

181 **Members should text "SUFFOLKVFR" to 67238 to get updates on testing and vaccines**
182 **directly from Suffolk County – this is the quickest way to receive information.**

183 There was a tremendous issue across the island with the Northwell POD's and people getting
184 signed up for second doses. I appreciate everyone's patience and communication with me as that
185 problem was worked out.

186 If you do not receive a notification about scheduling your second appointment within one week
187 of the needed date, please reach out to me. Please be sure to check your spam and junk emails.

188 Thank you to Casey Orr for helping with vaccine tracking. We are required by NYS DOH to
189 keep records so please do not ignore our emails or calls if Casey or I reach out to you.

190 Once you have both doses, please place a copy of your vaccine card in my mailbox.

191 **COVID-19**

192 If you are experiencing any symptoms (sore throat, runny nose, fever) please do not come to the
193 building and reach out to me at 716-807-5913. If you have a positive exposure or test positive
194 yourself, please contact me ASAP. Please adhere to NYS guidelines regarding traveling.

195 Gloves, N95's and goggles should be worn on every single call regardless of priority code or
196 complaint. Gowns can be donned based on the lead provider's screening of the patient or based
197 on the necessity of close contact (ie: moving a patient out of the house). Used PPE should not
198 come into the ready room. Please continue to wash your hands frequently and disinfect surfaces
199 often. Please see your Day Captain or a Chief if you have any questions about COVID-19
200 procedures.

201 If you are an EMT and are interested in becoming a volunteer vaccinator, please e-mail
202 MRC@suffolkcountyny.gov (Suffolk Medical Reserve Corps).

203 **Regular First Deputy Items:**

204 Please remember that you need 48 hours per quarter. The first quarter ends on March 1st. Please
205 finger in and out on the same shift.

206 Thank to Liz Wuestman for her continued help with getting me up to speed as First Deputy
207 Chief.

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208 **There are new beneficiary forms in everyone's mail folders for new Life Insurance policies.**
209 **If you have not filled out a new one, please check your mail folder and submit it to Bob**
210 **Franz ASAP. Contact Bob if you have any questions.**

211 Thank you for your continued dedication to HCFAS and our community. Stay safe and healthy!

212 **Second Deputy Chief – Jaclyn Rittershaus**

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214 Thank you to Melissa Anastos for taking care of the COVID-19 notifications and for making my
215 life so much easier!

216 The February training is on handling the fly car during ALS run calls. Thank you to Alex
217 Hastava for creating it along with the questions! Thank you Alex and Jeffrey Brenner for
218 recognizing the need for the training. If you have trouble completing the questions since it is a
219 new format so please don't hesitate to let me know.

220 Dr. Brandler's call review CME was a success! Thanks to all that attended and participated. You
221 will find a Certificate of Completion in your mail folder. If you are wondering who the
222 mastermind behind the beautiful certificates is you can thank Brian Canty! He did some fancy
223 technological maneuvering and designing to create them including something called a mail
224 merge... They look great and he made the process much more efficient than it could have been.

225 The Huntington Hospital Lecture Series continues. Look out for February's 2nd CME link to
226 come soon. Make sure to have Microsoft Teams downloaded on your computer or phone before
227 joining the meeting.

228 The BVM filters are to be used any time you use a BVM and should be restocked in the rigs and
229 BLS bags. I'd also like to reiterate that a temperature reading is needed on all calls no matter
230 what the nature of the call.

231 Thank you and have a Happy Valentine's Day!

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233 **Third Deputy Chief – William Connolly**

234 Greetings!

235 I wish you all well. I would like to thank the other chiefs, the vehicle maintenance committee,
236 and the BLS committee for their assistance and help throughout January. As always, remember
237 to remain vigilant in your checkouts. If you see something that needs to be replaced or repaired
238 please notify your Day Captain as soon as possible to ensure the information reaches the
239 appropriate party in a timely fashion. Keep in mind that as we have been affected by COVID-
240 19, so have our vendors. As a result, there are delays with supplies and supply chain issues.

241 As we continue to face the Corona virus in 2021, it is important to continue using the proper
242 PPE. Finally, please drive the ambulances with extreme caution. We have had a few unreported
243 collisions already this year and as always, stay safe.

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Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto

Please keep an eye out for an email update regarding dispatching policies under the County's Pandemic Level 1.

250 **Dispatch Training:** Allison Brown and Erin Gallagher passed their dispatch tests. Six post
251 members attended Dispatch Training Orientation, Ori Baer, Michael Morrell, Noah Ramos,
252 Monica Rios, Orla Roberts, Kayla Lindsay.

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Call Statistics:

255 We closed out the month with 458 total calls, down 7% for this time last year. We transported
256 **84.3%** of calls, down from our usual **85%**.

257 We have had an increase in Priority 36 calls from 93 in December to 102 in January.

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259 For January, we saw people come in as backup personnel 51 times. We had one signal 24.

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261 Saturdays continue to be the busiest day of the year, coming in at an average of 17.6 calls per
262 day. Runner up is Wednesday with an average of 17.3 calls per day.

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264 If you live in district and are willing to answer up for calls, pagers are available. Speak to your
265 Day Captains for a recommendation to the Chief if you are interested.

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Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain Dale Bartolomeo

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Happy February All!

272 Thank you everyone who helped out yesterday during the day for the snow day that we had.
273 All the help was greatly appreciated!!

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275 Super Bowl Sunday went very well!! Thank you to Brian Canty for organizing all the food.

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277 For all my Sunday members still on probation please watch out for e-mails from the 3rd Deputy
278 in regards to getting your events completed. There will be monthly work details for work that
279 needs to be done around the building. Also stay on top of your meetings. GMM's are once
280 a month on the 2nd Monday of the month. Five and Five are required to come off of probation.

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

Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Paul Bayer – Absent – Report Submitted and Given by Day Captain Dale Bartolomeo

Hello HCFAS volunteers, from your Monday Captain! Here again with news from Company 2.

Our members continue to impress me with their diligence in coming in on-time, doing their check-outs and the camaraderie we establish on Mondays. We've had some holes to fill - especially on the 1100, and we've had members from a bunch of other days come in to help out. It's really outstanding the dedication each of you shows. Thank you!

Congratulations to **Juliet Costa, John Stevens** and Post Member **Isha Dave** who passed their dispatch tests. We also welcome **Ashley Genao** on the 1500 as the newest Post Member to begin Dispatch Training with the inimitable **Mary Brenner**. Additionally, we have a new member **Amina Sadiq** (#1633) starting **tonight**, who will eventually ride on the 1100.

Of course, no Captain's report is complete without a pleading for help! We need a full second due crew on both the 1100 and 1500 shifts, as well as a second full crew on the overnight. We also need ALS on most shifts. If you're looking to fulfill your hours on a great day with great people – please give me a call and let me know when is good for you!

Thanks for everything that you all do!

Company 3 - Tuesday Day Captain Elizabeth Mohr - Absent – Report Submitted and Given by Day Captain Dale Bartolomeo

I am Sorry that I am unable to attend tonight. Unfortunately, I am at work. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped with the snowstorm the last few weeks. Also, to everyone who answered up for the multiple fires that Tuesday has had, I truly appreciate it.

Please welcome new member Merida who starts this week on the 1100! Please remember to do your review trainings and checkouts. Thank you!

Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Eric Nazinitsky

Thank you Everyone who continues to come in on Wednesdays week after week. It has most definitely been greatly appreciated.

There are a few empty slots still for the upcoming weeks that can use some heroic people to step up (especially during the 0700 and 1100 shifts)

The 0700 needs a 2nd due CL

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330 The 1100 needs a full 2nd due crew
331 The 1900 needs a permanent dispatcher
332 The 2300 needs a 2nd due CL

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334 Eric Nazinitsky - HCFAS Wednesday Day Captain
335 631-406-3896 – Personal Phone
336 631-793-0556 - Captain Phone

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339 **Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Colin Weigle – Absent-Report Submitted and Given**
340 **by Day Captain Dale Bartolomeo**

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342 Hello Everyone!

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344 I'd like to personally thank everyone on Thursdays for being more than welcoming and allowing
345 my first month as Thursday Captain to have been a very smooth one. I would also like to thank
346 everyone who has come in to help cover open spots throughout the day. They are Andrew
347 Taylor, Aaron Surette, Jim Mallillo, Shannon Gore, Esteban Lopez, Evi Baer, Jake Levinsky and
348 Brandon Eybergen.

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350 I would also like to welcome two new members to the Thursday 1500, Sergio Gomez and Selena
351 Ortiz! We are extremely excited to have you both and we look forward to working with you.

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353 Some help is needed on Thursdays. A driver is needed on the 1100, 1500 and 2300 Shifts. A
354 Crew Leader is needed on the 1900 and 2300 shifts. If anyone is able to help please let me know!
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356 **Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Kathleen Castillo – Absent - Report Submitted and**
357 **Given by First Deputy Chief Ryane Como**

358 I hope everyone has a Happy Day of Love on the 14th! Most important, love yourself.

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360 **I am in need every week of the following:**

361 0700 - 2nd due Crew
362 1100 - 2nd due Crew
363 1900 - 2nd due Crew Leader
364 2300 - Dispatcher and 2nd due Crew

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366 Please let me know if you can help out.

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368 Happy Valentine's Day to all! Stay Safe and Love each other!

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370 **Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Casey O'Riordan**

371 I hope everyone's January went well.

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372 I would like to thank all of my Company 7 members for making my first month as Day Captain a
373 smooth and fun one!

374 Many thanks to all other members who came out to help on Saturdays. Keep up the good work!!

375 Saturdays are still in need of a Dispatcher for the 2300 shift as well as two full crews and a
376 second due Crew Leader for the 1100 shift!

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378 **Delegate & Committee Reports:**

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380 **LOSAP 2020 Points – Bob Franz**

381 The 2020 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. All the
382 officers and committee chairs have been entered. It is requested that each member review their
383 points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. All review
384 trainings had to be completed & submitted by December 31, 2020 to be eligible for LOSAP
385 points for 2020.

386 Please check the basket located on the right side counter top above the mail folder drawers for
387 any LOSAP forms that were rejected for various deficiencies. Please correct the deficiency and
388 resubmit to the LOSAP form mailbox.

389 **HCFAS Group Term Life Insurance Program Changed from VESO to VFIS.**

390 **A New VFIS Enrollment / Beneficiary Form Needs to be Completed**

391 The VESO's group term insurance has been replaced by VFIS which is underwritten by
392 Combined Life. **VERY IMPORTANT – To Maintain Coverage.**

393 A new VFIS enrollment / beneficiary designation form **must** be completed by all participants.
394 The beneficiary form and the updated HCFAS program guidelines have been distributed to all
395 participants in your Squad mail folder or mailed to you. Please complete, sign and date the form
396 and return it to Secretary Bob Franz's mailbox. If anyone has any questions, please contact Bob
397 at robo4200@hotmail.com or 631-421-9121 or at the Squad extension 150.

398 You **must** be off probation to participate in this program.

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400 **NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' \$200 Credit** 401 **for 2020 – Bob Franz**

402 You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2020 on the NYS Department of Taxation and
403 Finance **Form IT-245**. As per the instructions, **you cannot claim the credit if you receive a**
404 **real property tax exemption that relates to your volunteer service under Real Property**
405 **Tax Law**. The ambulance workers' credit is available to full-year NYS residents who are active
406 volunteer ambulance workers for the **entire tax year** for which the credit is claimed. A copy of
407 the Form IT-245 & instructions is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any technical
408 questions please consult your independent tax advisor.

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410 **10 % Property Tax Exemption – Bob Franz**

411 The filing deadline with the Town of Huntington (TOH) Assessor is Monday March 1, 2021 for
412 property tax year 12/01/21 to 11/30/22. **The property must be owned by the volunteer or the**
413 **volunteer and spouse only**. Members who are currently receiving the 5 year or 20 year status

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tax exemption will have their year's status renewed by the Squad by the deadline date. **(See below for renewal application that must be completed and directly filed with the TOH Assessor's Office).**

Current recipients who moved or sold their home prior to March 1, 2021, or had other ownership changes, please drop a note with your detailed 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 3/01/21 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/01/21), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday, February 5, 2021. Forms were put in your squad mail folder and are posted on the bulletin board.

To be eligible, the property must be owned by the volunteer or the volunteer and spouse only, the property must be your primary residence and be in the Town of Huntington and you must have 5 years of active squad service by March 1, 2021.

For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2021, the property can be located anywhere in Suffolk County (Call Bob Franz at 631-421-9121 or e-mail robo4200@hotmail.com for specific details).

Note for members currently receiving the property tax exemption: If you do not want the Squad to renew your property tax exemption on 3/01/21 because you intend to take the \$200.00 NYS income tax credit for calendar year 2022, please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 5, 2021.

New TOH Law Requirement – Property Tax Exemption Renewal Form was mailed directly to each tax exemption recipient and must be completed and filed with the Town of Huntington Assessor's Office by March 1, 2021.

The amended TOH law requires the following: All property owners granted this exemption shall resubmit a renewal application on or before taxable status date March 1, 2021 to verify their qualifications as set forth in the law to determine continued eligibility for the exemption.

In early January the TOH Assessor mailed a TOH Renewal Form to all recipients of the Volunteer FF / Ambulance Workers exemption. Please read the TOH cover letter carefully, complete the renewal form and sign the certification. The certification signature of the applicant (and spouse, if spouse also owns the property) is required. **The completed form must be filed with the Town Assessor by March 1, 2021** (Huntington Town Hall, 100 Main Street, Huntington, NY).

If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please contact the Town Assessor's Office. **I am still getting inquiries whether this form has to be completed and returned to the Town Assessor by March 1st, 2021. It absolutely must be done unless you wish to lose your exemption.**

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

Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner – Total Donations received to date are \$1,400.00.

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More Donations should be coming in the month of March.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Raffles - Various Gifts:

\$25 Applebee's Gift Card – Casey O'Riordan

\$25 Cheesecake Factory Gift Card – Mary Brenner

\$10 Subway Gift Card – Christine Roulo

Bottle of Red Wine – Casey Stone

Bottle of White Wine – Elizabeth Beach

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 82, Probationary 15, Total: 97

Motion made by Captain Dale Bartolomeo and seconded by Treasurer Roger Winter to adjourn the General Membership meeting at 1817 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: February 15, 2021

Approved: March 8, 2021

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
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President Seth Fischer

Literally, a year ago this past weekend we had our 2020 annual Installation Dinner which feels like it happened 5 years ago. I remember having conversations around potentially canceling the event just on the thought of what was imminently approaching. Fast forward, one year later of chaos and it appears that the COVID numbers are heading in a promising direction. It is exciting that there is finally a light appearing at the end of what was a very dark and grim tunnel. In terms of local hospital numbers and keep in mind when I say that, I am referring to Stony Brook, Huntington, Northwell as a whole unit and Winthrop. While they have all collectively on the average seen a decline in patients being admitted, the ICU units are still seeing the same level of critical COVID-19 related patients.

I am going to continue to repeat myself with how proud I was and obviously still am with every ones hard work and dedication over the last year. From our Dispatchers, Drivers, CL's, ALS providers, Medics and First Aiders. Everyone played a very important and essential front line role. We also had a great deal of members who went out on leaves, as well as our Administrative members that did not skip a beat to offer their help to pitch in every way they could. We got through the last year together and I am grateful for all of you.

As I am sure you have all heard the CDC updated their guidelines. If you have been vaccinated and see other vaccinated people you can unmask and still keep socially distant. At this point, there will be no change at 2 Railroad Street. We will continue to remain extremely vigilant while respecting the Chief's orders until further notice.

I have officially signed the 2021 contract with the Town of Huntington and we will be sending to them this week for counter signatures. A Special thanks to our Board of Directors, along with Tom Hogan, for his help as always in getting this accomplished. It is very much appreciated.

Now, onto dollars and cents. Please continue to do your best to get as much insurance information as possible from our patients. I cannot stress enough how important this is. If anyone has any questions please speak with your Day Captains or one of the Chiefs. This is the lifeline of HCFAS and every single dollar counts.

We got an awesome new ambulance last week. Thank you to the New Vehicle Committee for your hard work, we all appreciate it.

Tremendous thanks to member Sue Siebel on passing along Dr. Rhee's contact information from Huntington Hospital. For those who do not know, Dr. Rhee is a surgeon in Huntington who started the COVID-19 Angel project. This was established to thank and bless all the front line workers who have been on the front lines of the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Rhee's generosity and concern has spread throughout our community, making the angels and having them blessed by Clergy and Rabbi's and presenting them to Nurses, Doctors, Housekeeping staff and everyone that has been part of this debilitating pandemic. That being said, Dr. Rhee would like to share these angels with our membership. Thank you Sue Siebel for arranging this, it is greatly appreciated. Chief Kaufman will place them in the ready room for all to take.

In June, we will be having our General Membership Meeting outdoors at the Larkfield Manor. This will only be for our members, no guests. Further details will follow in the upcoming weeks.

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In closing, I would like to recognize International Women's Day which is a global holiday celebrated every March 8th to commemorate the cultural, political and socio economic achievements of women. It is also a focal point in the women's rights movement to bring attention to issues such as gender equality and violence against women.

Continue to stay safe and take care....Seth

Get Well Wishes, Congratulations and Prayers:

Get well wishes to Michael Barker who was briefly hospitalized and is home recovering from a total knee replacement. Phone calls and texts are welcome.

Get well wishes to Benjamin Curry on a speedy recovery and we wish him well.

Get well wishes to Mary Winter on a speedy recovery. Phone calls and texts are welcome.

Get well wishes to Joe Nappi on a speedy recovery and we wish him well.

Get well wishes to Board Member Carol Nucci on a speedy recovery. Phone calls and texts are welcome.

A Big Congratulations to Emily Berkowitz for getting accepted into PA School. We all very excited for her!

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

25 Years
Anne Gabriel #919

Secretary's Report – Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Eric Kramer to approve the February 8, 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Since the February meeting, we received thank you letters and cards received for: Good & Welfare - Mary Winter for fruit basket and a note from inactive life member Donna Trainor. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report – Roger Winter

Once the Town of Huntington HCAD contract is signed we will be receiving from the Town of Huntington one fourth of the contract amount or payments for the first three months of 2021.

Chief's Report – David Kaufman

A year into the COVID-19 pandemic and Huntington Community First Aid Squad is still going strong. I cannot thank you enough for everything you all have done over the past year and for everything that you continue to do. We are lucky to be here together today and the Squad is very fortunate to have all of you.

There will be no St. Patrick's Day parade this year. The Huntington Hibernians are putting together a virtual parade video which will be live on Sunday, March 14th at 1400 hours on YouTube. Details available at <http://www.huntingtonhibernian.com/virtual/index.html>. The Squad submitted several pictures and a short video to be included.

Our new 2020 Ambulance will be received this month.

Length of Service Awards:

No March length of service awards.

3 on a 16 Raffle Winners:

Kenney Cadet
Aaron Surette

Happy Saint Patrick's Day and a Happy Passover to those of you who celebrate each of these Holidays.

First Deputy Chief – Ryane Como – Report Submitted – Highlights given by Second Deputy Chief Jaclyn Rittershaus

One year ago many of us attended the 2020 Installation dinner just as COVID-19 was ramping up locally. Many of us were blissfully unaware of how many our lives and especially our lives at the squad would change very quickly over the coming weeks. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued resiliency and dedication. Your courage and adaptability has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. Hopefully, sometime this year we can get back to group gatherings and at some point see each other's smiling faces without masks.

With that being said, please continue to take all precautions while at the building and especially on calls. We have done a tremendous job keeping each other, our families and friends and the public safe from community spread. Regardless of if you have been vaccinated all policy and

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procedures remain in place. Please wear your masks while in the building unless you are actively eating or drinking. Also, please continue to wear N95's and eye protection on calls regardless of call type or patient complaint and be vigilant with hand washing and decontaminating surfaces and equipment.

If you are experiencing any symptoms or you have a COVID exposure please stay home and contact me at (716-807-5913) before entering the building. Although the CDC has recently changed some of their guidelines, NYS has not and we are continuing to follow NYS DOH policies. Please continue to adhere to NYS travel guidelines.

The first quarter ends on March 31 – everyone needs 48 hours by that date. Please remember to finger in and out on the same shift. If you are unsure about your hours or don't know if you need finger read corrections, please contact your Day Captain.

If you still need a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, please reach out to me ASAP. Thank you to Michele Miller for her help in getting appointments for a lot of members last month.

Once you have received both doses, please place a copy of your vaccine card in Brian Canty's mailbox.

If you are an EMT and are interested in becoming a volunteer vaccinator, please e-mail MRC@suffolkcountynyny.gov (Suffolk Medical Reserve Corps).

If anyone has any suggestions, complaints or questions please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail. We can't make changes or corrections if we don't know about a problem.

Thank you for your continued dedication to HCFAS and our community. Stay safe and healthy!

Second Deputy Chief – Jaclyn Rittershaus

The March review training has been posted. The topic is the ESO software and the NYS EMS Viral Pandemic Triage Protocol. Jake Levinsky was kind enough to create an outstanding ESO tutorial. Thank you Esteban Lopez for also helping out! This tutorial is applicable not only to Crew Leaders but to First Aiders and Drivers who can help with documentation. Each riding member should have an ESO login. If you do not and need help setting one up, please reach out to me.

In addition to proper patient care and documentation, billing is also a pillar of our organization. Last year, our total call volume was very low. Therefore, missed opportunities to bill due to the lack of insurance or demographic information was a larger blow to our finances than usual. Please treat this seriously, making every effort to gather correctly spelled names, addresses, phone numbers, social security numbers and of course insurance information. If the call is a motor vehicle accident be sure to obtain the auto insurance carrier of the vehicle the patient was occupying, as this will be their primary coverage (health insurance is secondary, so try to get this too). If your patient is a pedestrian or cyclist obtain the auto insurance carrier of the vehicle that struck him or her. Sometimes it's easiest to get the patient's information and auto insurance off

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215 the accident report if you can grab that from the police or the patient. Any questions, I'm here for
216 you! Text or e-mail me anytime.

217 For those of you who import vitals from the Lifepak into ESO, double check that you are
218 importing the correct set by checking the date, time and Lifepak name. If you notice you made a
219 mistake, you can undo the import by clicking a button in the lower right corner of the vitals tab.
220 Sometimes multiple sets will import so make sure you click this button until it disappears. Once
221 you undo the import it will go back into the cloud and whoever needs to import them can access
222 them, otherwise, no matter how often that person transmits a set that was imported into an
223 incorrect PCR, that provider won't be able to find it in the cloud. If you are in the moment and
224 forget what to do, just call, text, or e-mail me.

225 There will be a BLS 12-Lead training scheduled on Sunday, 3/28/21. Thank you Jeffrey Brenner
226 for hosting that! Keep an eye out for an e-mail. Thank you John Mancino for conducting two
227 important trainings within two weeks - Check and Inject and BLS CPAP. Thank you, Lauren
228 Stalzer for helping with the CPAP training as well!

229 Thanks to Alex Hastava and Alex Bayer there is now a new efficient method for signing up for
230 CPR classes. A flyer was sent out by e-mail, but they are also posted around HQ. To sign up you
231 either click on the link or use the QR code to access the sign-up sheet. As people add their
232 names, CPR classes get scheduled. It's recommended that you sign up at least three months
233 before your certification expires. Please check your records as soon as possible and make sure
234 we have a copy of your latest certification.

235 I've reached out to some of you already, but if you know your EMT certifications are expiring
236 this year, please let me know of your intentions for re-certification – whether you will be taking a
237 refresher course, are in the CME program or have decided not to re-certify. If you plan on re-
238 certifying through the CME program make sure you contact Pam Brenner to register. Keep in
239 mind CME paperwork must be gathered and submitted to the county no later than 60 days prior
240 to the expiration of your certification.

241 And last, but not at all least, I'd like to thank Jim Mallilo and Gail Glister for working on some
242 very tedious and time consuming tasks to organize our training records. It is an enormous help
243 and will make things much easier for the future, thank you both so much

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245 **Third Deputy Chief – William Connolly**

246 First, I would like to give a warm welcome to Betty Wood, Diane Tanko and Patty Tufo for
247 joining the BLS supplies committee to share their multiple skills and extra time. I am looking for
248 additional members interested in sharing their skills. So if you want to join the BLS supplies,
249 BLS medications, Oxygen, New vehicle or the Vehicle maintenance committees please e-mail
250 me at Third.deputy@HCFAS.org _

251 There have been numerous repairs made to the ambulances, so please remember to drive
252 carefully and to report any accidents or incidents and stay safe.

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Between the increased cost and demand of PPE these days, we continue to accept donations. Any PPE items can be dropped off at the squad. If you need, I can arrange to pick supplies as well. If you know someone or an organization that can donate please be the Squad's advocate.

Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto

Dispatch Training:

The month of February saw 5 new members pass dispatch training, congratulations to Michelle Franco, John Stevens, Sierra Beck, Matthew Phillip and Selena Ortiz.

POST 215 Dispatch Training:

We also have 4 post members who have passed dispatch training, congratulations to Brooke Brigati, Allison Brown, Erin Gallagher, and Jamie Suesser.

Call Statistics:

February had 436 total calls and 4 Signal 24's (6 YTD), averaging 15.6 calls per day.

Our transport percentage is up to 83.3% for this month, from our "normal" 85% - so hopefully our billing will start to return to normal.

We had 39 backup responders, thank you everyone for answering up. Pagers are available for Crew leaders or Drivers who live in the district and promise to respond. See your Day Captain who will make a recommendation to the Chief.

Other Business:

A reminder on calls with ALS units responding: If the medic transports, remember to add "

ALS Run Call" to the CAD, but do not add an extra "(P)" to the ambulance. However, if two paramedics or CCs go to the call, be sure to put the appropriate (P) and (CC) on whichever vehicle they respond in.

Thank you for your hard work and stay safe.

Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain Dale Bartolomeo

Happy March all!

Hope everyone is doing well!!

Please for any members on probation keep up with your meetings and events. You need to have 5 meetings and 5 Events to come off of probation.

As always please remember to Clock **IN** and **OUT** after completing either your 4 or 8 hour

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shift. The new finger reader by dispatch allows members to see what time they clocked in so everyone can now tell what time they need to clock out to receive credit for the full shift.

Please remember to clean up after yourself – Do not leave a mess in the ambulance or building.

Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Paul Bayer

Monday is doing really well in 2021. We've been able to cover all of our shifts so far - even those without permanent members! We owe a great Thank You to Tim Quigley, Steve Zeth, Jeff O'Neill, Jake Levinsky, John Connors, Tom Lemp, Betty Wood, Aaron Surette and Kevin Solano for their regular help in covering shifts.

We've added new member Amina Sadiq (#1633) to our Monday family. She's currently Dispatch training with Stephanie Carracciolo on the 1900 shift. Make sure to stop in and say Hi!

We've had lots of excitement on the 0700 shift - with a new Crew Leader (Emily Berkowitz), a soon to be ACL - Juliet Costa - and we're happy to welcome Bob Biersack back to Monday mornings!

We're always looking for additional help (Drivers and Crew Leaders) on the 1100 and 1500 shifts - so please let me know if you're around on a Monday to help out!! Thanks!!

Company 3 - Tuesday Day Captain Elizabeth Mohr

Thank you to everyone who has helped out on Tuesdays, you guys are amazing.

We would like to welcome new member Merida to the Tuesday 1100 shift! Merida is already signing up for an EMT class and we look forward for her to finish Dispatch training soon. I appreciate everyone who came in and helped Tuesdays with the several snow storms and fires that we have had, it has kept us busy!

Please remember to stay up to date on all your review trainings and keep do your checkouts! We would also like to welcome back to Dispatching Liz Steenson!

Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Eric Nazinitsky -

Hello everyone,

Wednesday's have been running smoothly so far and I can't express enough how appreciative I am of everyone that continues to come in week after week.

The Wednesday 1100 shift is in rough shape right now and needs 1st and second

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due drivers and a 2nd due Crew Leader.

ALS is needed for all shifts as a shift in our usual paid medics work schedule resulted in her not being able to pick up Wednesdays for the foreseeable future.

Extra help is always welcome on all shifts as we all know how busy the squad can get.

Lastly, please make sure you are fingering in and out on your shifts. I ran reports on peoples hours and for the most part everybody is up to par. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding your shifts or duty hours.

Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Colin Weigle – Absent – Report submitted and given by Day Captain Casey O’Riordan

I'd like to thank everyone on Thursdays for their amazing work this past month. So far, we have managed to handle every call we received on Thursdays without an issue, even on the snowier days when we received 20 calls throughout the day.

I would also like to thank everyone who has come in to help cover open spots throughout the day. Many thanks to Andrew Taylor, Aaron Surette, Jim Mallilo, Shannon Gore, Esteban Lopez, Jake Levinsky, Kenny Cadet and Brandon Eybergen.

I would also like to Congratulate Selena Ortiz of the Thursday 1500 shift on passing her dispatching test! Selena did wonderfully and I'd like to thank Elizabeth Beach for doing an amazing job training Selena.

Some help is needed on Thursdays. A driver is needed on the 1500 and 2300 shifts and a Full Crew is needed on the 1900 and 2300 shifts. If anyone is able to help please let me know!

Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Kathleen Castillo – Absent – No Report

Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Casey O’Riordan

Thank you to everyone who comes in and answers up when needed!

I'd like to welcome Landary to the 0700 shift and Alissa to the 1500 shift. We look forward to having them!

The 1100 shift still needs a second due Crew Leader and the 2300 shift needs two full crews. ALS is needed on all shifts as well.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYSVARA Pulse Check Educational Conference - Bob Franz - This will be held as a combined virtual and an in person event (limited participants) on Friday, October 1, 2021 and Saturday October 2, 2021. Registration will be open this summer.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' \$200 Refundable Credit for 2020 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2020 on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance **Form IT-245**. As per the instructions, **you cannot claim the credit if you receive a real property tax exemption that relates to your volunteer service under Real Property Tax Law**. The ambulance workers' credit is available to full-year NYS residents who are active volunteer ambulance workers for the entire tax year for which the credit is claimed. A copy of the Form IT-245 & instructions is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any technical questions, consult your independent tax advisor.

LOSAP 2020 Points – Bob Franz

The 2020 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 no later than March 12, 2021. All review trainings had to be completed & submitted by December 31, 2020 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2020. The final LOSAP point listing must be submitted to the TOH by March 26, 2021 for Town Board approval. Please check the basket located on the right side counter top above the mail folder drawers for any LOSAP forms that were rejected for various deficiencies. Please correct the deficiency and resubmit to the LOSAP form mailbox before March 12, 2021.

HCFAS Group Term Life Insurance Program -A New VFIS Beneficiary Form Needs to be Completed – Bob Franz

Thank you to everyone who has complied with this request. I request any non-probationary member who has not completed a form to do so and return the completed, signed and dated form to Secretary Bob Franz's mailbox. This is a requirement to maintain coverage under the group life insurance program.

10 % Property Tax Exemption – Bob Franz

All bulk renewals for 2021/2022 were delivered to the Town Assessor's office on February 24, 2021. Thank you to everyone who filed the separate renewal application required by the new Town Law by the March 1, 2021 deadline date. Approximately 125 members will be receiving the property tax exemption for 2021/2022.

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

CME –Pam Brenner – You must be registered to be a CME program participant. Please check your card expiration date. Sit downs are available to review your paperwork – please call first.

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Driver Training – Jeff Brenner – If you are interested in becoming a driver, please give your license to First Deputy Chief Ryane Como.

Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner – Total Donations received are \$3,238.00. The First Wave is in the mail.

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

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty – The Squad will be hosting an Easter Bunny Drive By Visit Pick Up at the Squad. This Event will take place on Saturday, April 3, 2021 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. A sign up sheet will be sent out after tonight's meeting.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Raffles - Various Gifts:

Applebee's Gift Card – Jonathan Stone
Cheesecake Factory Gift Card – Eric Nazinitsky
Chipotle Gift Card – Lisa Mohr
Subway Gift Card – Meaghan Salzone
Panera Bread Gift Card – Richard Stone
Bottle of Red Wine – Luke Bartolomeo
Bottle of Red Wine – Mark Brenner

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members-77, Probationary -14, Total 91.

Motion made by Christine Ruolo and seconded by Chief David Kaufman to adjourn the General Membership meeting at 1819 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Anne Gabriel #919 - 25 Years of Service – 20 Year Exempt Member - Anne has been an active member since March 1996. She is currently on the Friday 1900 Shift. She became an EMT-CC (ALS) in 2011. She has been a Crew Leader since 1997. She became a Driver in 2001. Anne was a member of the Oxygen (O2) Committee. She served as Day Captain in 2002 and she also served as the Second Deputy Chief in 2009 and First Deputy Chief in 2010. Many thanks, Anne, for your twenty-five years of dedicated and loyal service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

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473 Respectfully Submitted,
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475 *Christine A. Tedone*

476 Recording Secretary
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478 *Robert J. Franz*

479 Secretary
480 Draft posted: March 16, 2021
481 Approved: April 12, 2021

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2021 Zoom General Membership Meeting
Date: April 12, 2021

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Michael Como	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Roger Winter	PRESENT
Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Carol Nucci	PRESENT
Fiona Witkowski	PRESENT
Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Jaclyn Rittershaus	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief William Connolly	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Dale Bartolomeo	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Paul Bayer	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Eric Nazinitsky	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Colin Weigele	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Casey O'Riordan	PRESENT

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

Notice of meeting was e-mailed to the entire membership on 4/08/2021.

Meeting called to order at 1937 hours

Members in Attendance: 102

President Seth Fischer moderated the Zoom meeting.

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

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President's Report - Seth Fischer

* The Town of Huntington signed our Contract and we will be receiving money from them.

* Please complete your Three (3) April Review Trainings on Bloodborne Pathogens, HIPPA and Sexual Harassment before the end of the month. These trainings are mandatory and they must be completed by April 30th.

* We are trying to organize an outdoor membership meeting sometime in June at the Larkfield Manor located in Northport. This event is for HCFAS members only, unfortunately, no guests will be permitted at this event. An email with all the details will be sent to the membership.

* Please get all insurance information, phone numbers etc. for billing purposes.

Get Well Wishes, Congratulations and Prayers:

Get well wishes to Mary Winter on a speedy recovery. Phone calls and texts are welcome.

A tremendous Congratulations to Vice President/Ex-Chief, Michael Como on his promotion at the USGS. We are all very proud of his accomplishments.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – Chief will announce on his/her report (5-15 years).

Twenty-Five Years of Service Casey Stone #920

Casey Stone #920 – 25 Years of Service - Casey is currently riding on the Thursday 1900 hour shift and has been a Crewleader since 2002. Casey served for three years as Day Captain. She has been on the BLS Committee since 2009. She has also served on The Oxygen (O2) committee since 2018. Casey has participated in the Children's Holiday Parties for the past two years as well. Thank You, Casey for your twenty-five (25) years of devoted service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

Secretary's Report – Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Carolyn Mullen to approve the March 8, 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Since the March meeting, we received thank you letters and cards received for: Services Rendered: Marie Basti and Gail Culleton; Good & Welfare – Joe Nappi for the fruit basket. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

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91 **Treasurer's Report – Roger Winter**

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93 As of now we have not received any money from the Town of Huntington that is scheduled
94 with our contract for 2021.

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**TREASURER'S EXPENSE REPORT
MARCH 1, 2021 - MARCH 31, 2021**

6000	EMS	\$10,663.86
6100	Vehicles	\$57,206.73
6200	Building	\$13,376.83
6300	Utilities	\$9,864.16
6400	Communications	\$14,901.40
6500	Professional Fees	\$201.20
6600	Insurance	\$88.00
6700	Office	\$1,793.42
6800	Uniforms	\$3,617.69
7000	Training	\$44.00
7300	Subsistence	\$1,263.47
8000	Other Expenses	<u>\$4,955.35</u>
Total		<u>\$117,976.11</u>

Note:

Does not include Payroll

Does not include PAB

DOES include purchase of new vehicle - final payment (\$41,270.86)

DOES include purchase of SCM annual contract \$10,018

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Chief's Report – David Kaufman

I hope everyone had excellent holidays and spent some quality time with their families and friends. Thank you to special events and Ann Maloney for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to all the members who have been stepping up to host classes. As the Deputy Chiefs have been reminding people, it is essential that we continue to maintain our certifications. We received a bonus year, but we cannot become complacent and let our certifications lapse if we're going to continue covering calls. Some of the recent instructors have been Jeffrey Brenner, Mark Brenner, John Mancino, Tom Lemp and Alex Bayer. These have been trainings essential for renewals and advancement to ACL.

Several things changed regarding COVID-19 protocols in March and April. The highlights are the rescinding of the pandemic triage protocol, the return of BLS nebulized medications (via BAN), and the pandemic triage level lowered to surveillance. If you have any questions about these changes, please contact an officer for assistance or clarification. As always, use caution on calls to reduce exposure and wear appropriate PPE.

We have received all the Yaphank training standbys for Huntington Fire Department and Huntington Manor Fire Department. Julia Vodopia will be requesting coverage as necessary. These do count as probationary events.

I will keep you advised of whether or not there will be a Memorial Day Parade, but at this point, it looks like there will not be one.

We have completed the first quarter, so, I would like to remind you all of the usual things including hours, LOSAP, review trainings, shift count for the gift card, probationary events. If you need assistance checking these items or assistance with finding additional opportunities, please contact your captain.

The following members will be receiving recognition for REMSCO save awards this month for CPR saves taking place in 2020:

5/17/2020:

Jeffrey Brenner - EMT CC
Michael Capotosto - EMT B
Alexander Hastava - EMT B
Jacob Levinsky - EMT B
Alex Mullin - EMT P

11/19/2020:

John Mancino - EMT P
Joe Losquadro - EMT P
Lorraine Healy - EMT B
Martin LoCascio - EMT CC
Ann Maloney - EMT CC
Jonathan Menard - EMT B
SCPD Officer Driscoll Shield #5228

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145 **Length of Service Awards:**

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147 Eric Nazinitsky #1480 - 5 Years of service

148 Keith Rubenstein #1154 - 15 Years of service

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150 Thank you both for your longstanding commitment and dedication to Huntington Community

151 First Aid Squad and for helping those in the community.

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153 **3 on a 16 Raffle:**

154 Nicole Campbell

155 Andrew Taylor

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157 Thank you to everyone for all the things you do for Huntington Community. Whether it's

158 training members, answering calls, coming in every week for your shift, doing extra shifts,

159 going out of your way to do something nice for other members, your contributions make a

160 difference. Keep up the great work.

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164 **First Deputy Chief – Ryane Como**

165 Spring is upon us and we've completed the first quarter of the year! I certainly welcome

166 the warmer weather and longer days and hope everyone has been getting outside to enjoy

167 the change in season.

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169 COVID is still present in our area and we are still transporting positive patients including some

170 that do not present with classic symptoms. While vaccinations are continuing and the positive

171 case numbers fluctuate, please remain cautious on calls and inside the building. Please continue

172 to wear masks, social distance, wash hands frequently and disinfect surfaces.

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174 As always, please stay home and contact me if you are having any signs / symptoms of illness

175 or if you have a positive COVID-19 exposure. Please follow NYS guidelines regarding testing

176 and quarantine if you travel.

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178 **The first quarter ended on March 31st. Letters have been mailed out to those that fell**

179 **short. If you think there has been an error or want to discuss the letter with me, please feel**

180 **free to email or call. The second quarter is from 4/01/21 - 6/30/21; everyone needs 48 hours**

181 **per quarter.**

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183 **Please remember to finger in and out on the same shift. If you are unsure about your hours**

184 **or don't know if you need finger read corrections, please contact your Day Captain. Please**

185 **do not wait to get in finger read adjustment forms until the end of the quarter.**

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187 If you are interested in becoming a driver, please speak to your Day Captain to confirm that you

188 are eligible and please submit a copy of your license to the first deputy mailbox with "driver

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training" written on it. If you are already a Driver, please drive safely and with caution and report any accident or property damage promptly. If you are a CL and a driver has an accident, please make sure that they report the damage.

I am no longer able to schedule any vaccine appointments or send lists of names to County.

Below are some resources for scheduling an appointment yourself:

1st responders can visit <https://vax4.suffolkcountyny.gov/patient/s/> for appointments at Suffolk County Vaccination Facilities and complete the Vaccine Appointment Scheduler.

To make an appointment at the state-operated vaccination sites, including SUNY Stony Brook at Southampton, SUNY Stony Brook at Stony Brook, Suffolk Community College in Brentwood, Jones Beach and other vaccination sites, call the New York State hotline at: **1-833-NYS-4 VAX** or visit am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/

Veterans can obtain information about getting the vaccine from your VA health care provider or from the VA COVID-19 Vaccine Information page: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine>.

Once you have received both doses, please place a copy of your vaccine card in Brian Canty's mailbox.

If anyone has any suggestions, complaints or questions please reach out to me. We can't make changes or corrections if we don't know about a problem! Thank you for your continued service to HCFAS.

Second Deputy Chief – Jaclyn Rittershaus

April's review training will consist of those three mandatory and yearly sexual harassment, blood borne pathogens and HIPAA trainings. We will be using the GCN training website, which is the program we used last year. If anyone has trouble logging in or completing the trainings, I would be happy to help!

Huntington Hospital is now requiring that we do a hospital pre-notification for every patient we transport there, no matter the nature of the call. They also provided us a template to be used specifically for trauma notifications which will be posted in the ambulances.

Thank you to Mark Brenner for teaching Emergency Vehicle Operations! Thank you to Jeffrey Brenner for teaching BLS 12-Lead! Thank you to Alex Bayer for teaching CPR courses! Thank you to Chrissie Tedone for helping me with the Administrative task!

Have a great April everyone. Remember to gather as much patient info as possible for insurance and to finish your PCR's on time!

Third Deputy Chief – William Connolly

Greetings, Everyone!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the work detail last month. We checked out all the ambulances and cleaned the garage and maintenance closet.

The new Unit 21 has arrived and it is in service. I would like to thank Brian Canty, Bernard Poole and Chief David Kaufman for their efforts in organizing the purchase of the new ambulance. In the new ambulance you will notice a few items are in different locations than we are accustomed to. Please familiarize yourself with this set up.

Feel free to reach out to me with questions or concerns. Stay well and Be Safe!

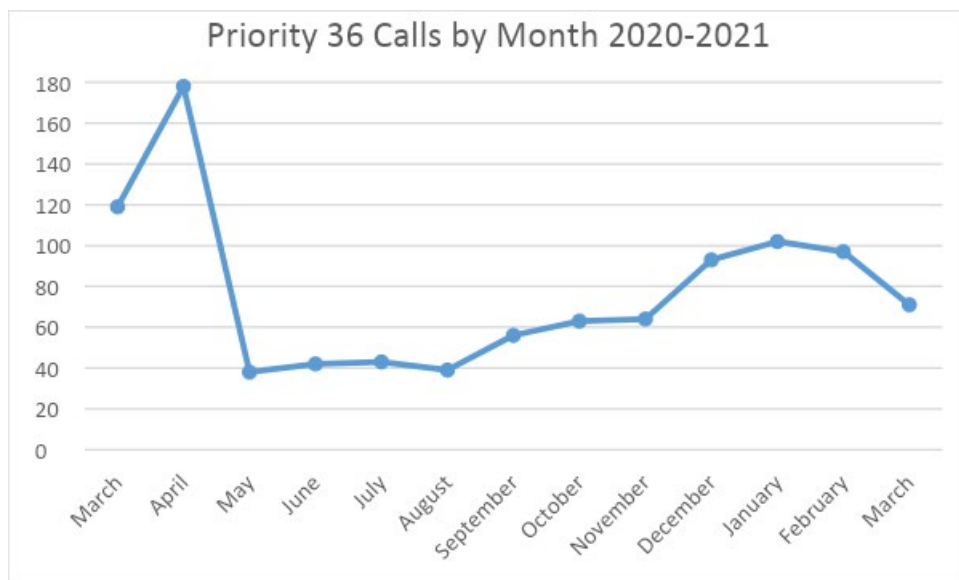
Chief Dispatcher -Michael Capotosto

Dispatch Training: The month of March didn't see any dispatch tests administered, but the training committee kept chugging along – there are 6 members scheduled to take or who have just last week taken their advanced class, and will soon be ready for their test.

Call Statistics:

We closed out the month with 441 total calls. We transported **86.2%** of calls, back above our pre-pandemic 85% average.

Pandemic calls dropped from 102 in January to 96 in February. March saw the trend continue downwards with only 71 calls this month, despite now receiving Alpha level Pandemic calls.



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259 For March, we saw people come in as backup personnel 34 times.

260 Mondays continue to be the busiest day of the month for March, averaging 16.6 calls
261 per day. Runner up is Wednesday with an average of 14.0 calls per day.

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264 **Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain Dale Bartolomeo – Absent - Report Submitted and**
265 **Given by First Deputy Chief Ryane Como**

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286 **Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Paul Bayer**

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288 Hello all from Monday again!

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290 It is Great News that Breanna Tahany has completed her probationary period and has become
291 a new full member. Also great news that Amina Sadiq has passed her Dispatch test!

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293 As always, we need help (Drivers and Crew-Leaders) on the 1100, 1500 shifts and now the
294 2300 shift as well - so please let me know if you're around on a Monday to help out!!

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296 Thanks!!

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299 **Company 3 - Tuesday Day Captain Elizabeth Mohr**

300 Thank you to everyone who has helped out on Tuesdays, you guys are amazing.

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302 Congratulations to Felipe, Leslie and Lauren for becoming Crew Leaders, we are

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303 very excited for you.

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305 Please remember to complete this month's annual review training and continue to
306 perform ambulance checkouts.

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309 **Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Eric Nazinitsky**

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311 Hello All,

312 I'd like to start by saying thank you to those who continue to come in week after week. I am
313 extremely grateful for everyone who has been answering up to numerous signal 3's and getting
314 calls covered! Without you guys Wednesdays would not be nearly as successful as they are
315 proving to be!

316 **The following help is needed throughout the day in the coming weeks:**

317 0700-ALS

318 1100-Full 2nd Crew

319 1500-ALS

320 1900-ALS

321 2300-2nd CL and ALS

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324 **Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Colin Weigele – Absent - Report Submitted and** 325 **Given by Captain Eric Nazinitsky**

326 Hello Everyone!

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328 I'd like to thank everyone on Thursdays for their amazing help this month and allowing the day
329 to run smoothly. I would also like to thank everyone who has come in to help cover open spots
330 throughout the day, such as Annette Hershkowitz, Andrew Taylor, Aaron Surette, Jim Malillo,
331 Shannon Gore, Jake Levinsky, Kenny Cadet and Brandon Eybergen.

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333 I'd like to welcome new member Eric Bantz #1638 to the Thursday 1500 shift. We're happy to
334 have you and looking forward to working with you!

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336 Also, Congratulations to Hila Baer #1605 on finishing up ACL'ing and for becoming a Crew
337 Leader!

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339 **Some help is still needed on Thursday:**

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341 1 Driver is needed on the 1500 and 2300 Shifts

342 2 Crew Leaders are needed on the 1900 Shift

343 1 Crew Leader is needed on 2300 Shift

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345 If anyone is able to help please let me know!

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348 **Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Kathleen Castillo – Absent - Report Submitted and** 349 **Given by Chief David Kaufman**

350 Happy Spring!!

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352 I want to thank Ann Maloney, Sue Otto and Brian Canty for making it safe and easier for
353 the kids to see the Easter Bunny. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

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355 Thank you to all of you that come in for your shift every week and for those that help out
356 every week. You guys are awesome!

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358 **I need the following help each week:**

359 1100- 2nd due CL

360 1500- 2nd due CL

361 2300- Dispatcher and 2nd due crew

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363 Stay Safe and Love each other!

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366 **Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Casey O’Riordan**

367 Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who continues to come and help out on Saturdays. We
368 couldn't do it without you! I would also like to welcome Mary Sisinni back to her 1500 shift! We
369 are all excited to have her back.

370 Saturday April 3rd, we had 4 calls in less than an hour during the 1100 shift. I would like to give
371 a huge shout out to members Debbie Rudilosso and Jeff Brenner who handled a Delta pedestrian
372 struck with SCPD Officer Jimmy Garside. You guys did a great job stabilizing and making sure
373 the patient got to the helicopter safe and sound.

374 While this call was going on Brian Block, Mike Jacoby and ACL Kieran Weaver handled a BLS
375 cardiac arrest beautifully. They were able to shock the patient once on the way to the hospital
376 and did an amazing job! Unfortunately, the patient passed at the hospital but the crew went
377 above and beyond and did a fantastic job!

378 Laura Treulich and post member Orla Roberts did a wonderful job handling 5 calls in such a
379 short amount of time with only one call being 24'd. Saturdays are still in need of a second due
380 CL on the 1100 shift and two full crews on the 2300 shift as well as ALS on all shifts. Any help
381 would be appreciated!!

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Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' \$200 Refundable Credit for 2020 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200.00 refundable credit for 2020 on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance **Form IT-245**. As per the instructions, **you cannot claim the credit if you receive a real property tax exemption that relates to your volunteer service under Real Property Tax Law**. The ambulance workers' credit is available to full-year NYS residents who are active volunteer ambulance workers for the entire tax year for which the credit is claimed. A copy of the Form IT-245 & instructions is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any technical questions, consult your independent tax advisor.

LOSAP 2020 Points – Bob Franz

The final 2020 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.

Please check the basket located on the right-side counter top above the mail folder drawers for any LOSAP forms that were rejected for various deficiencies. Please correct the deficiency and resubmit to the LOSAP form mailbox.

HCFAS Group Term Life Insurance Program -A New VFIS Beneficiary Form Needs to be Completed – Bob Franz

Thank you to everyone who has complied with this request. I request any non- probationary member who has not completed a form to do so and return the completed, signed and dated form to Secretary Bob Franz's mail box. This is a requirement to maintain coverage under the group life insurance program.

2021 HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline July 1st – Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to six (6) five hundred-dollar (\$500) squad scholarships to be given to any non-probationary HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as the sponsoring non-probationary member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the July 2021 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to the Secretary (Bob Franz) as of July 1st, with the appropriate application forms and with the required qualifying evidence. **The Secretary will receive from the Chief, a declaration that those applicants are non-probationary members or family members of non-probationary members in good standing.** These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must present documentation (academic transcripts) of at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding year. The applicant must have been enrolled for a minimum of six college credit hours per semester (minimum two semesters) or the equivalent period at a vocational school. All 2020 scholarship winners are not eligible for the 2021 scholarship drawing. The application form will be included in the May Pulse and will be posted on the bulletin board and website. The form can also be found on the mail folder counter at the Squad.

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

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430 **New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVARA) – Andrea**
431 **Golinsky**

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433 Some of our members may have received a Member Benefit letter from New York State
434 Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVARA). This a free Accidental Death
435 & Dismemberment benefit for you. The mailing has a letter asking you to send back the
436 enclosed beneficiary card. If you do so you will be contacted by an insurance sales
437 representative to schedule a meeting with you to deliver your insurance certificate and to
438 name your beneficiary but will also try to interest you in other insurance benefits at your
439 cost. Be advised you are not obligated to return the card in order to be covered for the
440 \$4,000.00 Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit.

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442 This mailing to you was done by NYSVARA and no personal information was given to the
443 insurance company. The Squad has paid your dues to be a member of NYSVARA.

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

447 **Driver Training Committee – Jeffrey Brenner** – I am very disheartened about the failure of
448 members to report accidents that occur with the ambulances. Please report ALL accidents, no
449 matter how minor they are. All mishaps need to be documented and must be reported to me
450 immediately. It is imperative that all Drivers continue to operate the vehicles safely and with
451 extreme caution.

452 **Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner** – Total Donations received to date are \$41,340.00.

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

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456 **Stand By Committee – Julia Vodopia** – A Full Crew is needed for Huntington Manor Fire
457 Department Stand By on April 27, 2021. A Sign-up sheet will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

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459 **Special Events Committee – Brian Canty** – Thanks to everyone who participated in the Easter
460 Bunny Drive by Visit that took place on 4/03/21 at HQ. This event was a great success. We had
461 a great turn out and the kids truly enjoyed it. A Special thanks to Ann Maloney for making all of
462 the lovely Easter Baskets and to our Easter Bunny, Lorraine Maier!!

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464 **QA/QI Committee – Fiona Witkowski** – All patients need to have their temperature recorded
465 under “Vital Signs”. Providers are doing this less than 50% of the time.

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467 **Uniform Committee – Maxine Epstein** - If you are in the need of a uniform, please complete
468 the uniform request form and drop it in my mailbox. Send me an email if you do not hear back
469 from me in 7-10 days.

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472 **New Business:**

473 **Length of Service Awards – Carol Nucci**

474 As our members are aware, they receive a "length of service award" or gift at 25 years and at five
475 year intervals thereafter. When you receive the email prior to your anniversary date from Andrea
476 Golinsky, please respond to her. We would like to get the gifts to the recipients in a timely
477 manner.

478 **“Guess Whose Baby Picture” – Julia Vodopia**

479 If you would like to participate in the “guess whose baby picture” board **please send me a**
480 **picture of yourself as a baby by next Friday, April 23rd at 10 pm.** See tomorrow’s email for
481 additional details.

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483 **Old Business: None**

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485 **Raffles - Various Gifts:**

486 **\$25 Applebee’s Gift Card – Mary DeWan**

487 **\$25 Cheesecake Factory – Elizabeth Mohr**

488 **\$10 Chipotle Gift Card – Lisa Mohr**

489 **PC Ceramic Egg Maker – Donald Roulo**

490 **PC Ceramic Egg Maker – Ann Schwartz**

491 **PC Ceramic Egg Maker – Alyssa Sorensen**

492 **Panera Bread Gift Card – Tim Ebert**

493 **\$10 Subway Gift Card – Nedi Serrano**

494 **Bottle of Red Wine – Jeffrey Brenner**

495 **Bottle of White Wine – Luke Bartolomeo**

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498 **Members in Attendance:** Eligible Members 83, Probationary 23, Total: 106

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500 **Motion made by President Seth Fischer and seconded by Secretary Robert Franz to**
501 **adjourn the General Membership meeting at 1830 hours.**

502 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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504 Respectfully Submitted,

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506 ***Christine A. Tedone***

507 Recording Secretary

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509 ***Robert J. Franz***

510 Secretary

511 Draft posted: April 21, 2021

512 Approved: May 10, 2021

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2021 Zoom General Membership Meeting
Date: May 10, 2021

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Michael Como	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Roger Winter	PRESENT
Brian Canty	ABSENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Carol Nucci	PRESENT
Fiona Witkowski	PRESENT
Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Jaclyn Rittershaus	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief William Connolly	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Dale Bartolomeo	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Paul Bayer	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Eric Nazinitsky	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Colin Weigele	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Casey O’Riordan	ABSENT

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

Notice of meeting was e-mailed to the entire membership on 5/08/2021.

Meeting called to order at 1935 hours

Members in Attendance: 79

President Seth Fischer moderated the Zoom meeting.

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

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President Seth Fischer

Happy May Everyone! Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers. I Hope all of our Mother's enjoyed their weekend and had a moment to relax with family and friends.

I am happy to announce our contract with the Town was officially signed and finalized, and we have started to see funding come in. Special thanks to our Board of Directors, and of course, Tom Hogan for his help in getting this accomplished.

Please continue to obtain as much information as possible from our patients for billing purposes. This is extremely important. It is also critical that all PCR's are finished at the conclusion of your shift, no excuses please.

The April monthly review training must be completed immediately. Thank you in advance.

Air Purifiers have been installed in the building. Thank you to Roger Winter, Mike Como and Richard Stone for getting this task accomplished.

T-Mobile Cellular Phone Service is FREE for all HCFAS members. Details will be provided at a later date.

While the COVID-19 numbers are on the decline, please continue to follow all protocols.

The June 2021 General Membership meeting will be held at Larkfield Manor in Northport. It is for members only, unfortunately, no guests will be permitted. Details to Follow.

PCR's must be completed within 24 hours of a call. They must be done in a timely fashion.

To our new members, we ask that you join committees within the next 30 days. If you have any questions about a committee please let me know and I can guide you.

Please complete all of your Review Trainings. If they are not competed then you will be suspended and you will not receive a Holiday Gift Card. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you to Treasurer Roger Winter who has worked hard. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. It is greatly appreciated.

Get well wishes, Congratulations and Prayers:

Get well wishes to Mary Winter on a complete and speedy recovery.

Get well wishes and prayers on a speedy recovery to inactive Life Member Joanne Mirabella.

Get well wishes to Tom D'Antonio on a speedy recovery.

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93 Get well wishes to Philip Orlando on a speedy recovery.

95 Get well wishes to Jack Crane on a speedy recovery.

97 Thoughts and prayers are with the Smith family on the passing of Associate member
98 Madeline Smith, member #553. She was a Crew leader and Driver from 1979 until
99 1998 when she moved to Florida. Madeline helped a great deal with fundraising before
100 there was tax district in the community, mostly with the annual holiday boutique. They
101 used to make a handmade quilt every year and raffle it off.

103 It is with deep regret that the Operational Officers and Board of Directors announce
104 the passing of active member Joseph Nappi, member #753. Joe served the Huntington
105 Community First Aid Squad with honor and distinction for over 33 years. Joe was a
106 riding member of the Tuesday 1900 shift and most recently provided essential assistance
107 to the Chief's office. Our prayers go out to Joe's wife Laura and his entire family. A eulogy
108 written by Sister Barbara (sister of Liz Steenson) was read.

110 Thoughts and prayers are with member Christie Stiles on the passing of her husband John.
111 For those who had the privilege of meeting John you will all agree he was a wonderful man,
112 one of the greatest.

114 Please keep member Kevin McCann in your thoughts and prayers regarding the unfortunate
115 passing of his mother yesterday.

117 Congratulations to Katherine Kallergis member #1555 and her husband Jerry on the
118 birth of their Baby Girl, Elpida Kallergis Holway, who was born on April 21st at 1:38 PM,
119 weighing in at 6 lbs, 6 oz and 19" long. Best of luck!

121 Congratulations to Nicole Calderone member #1339 and her husband Nick who welcomes
122 Baby Boy Mitchell on 4/27/21 at 11:00 PM! He was 4 lbs 4 oz and is absolutely adorable.

124 Congratulations to Meagan Salzone on a promotion at work, we are very proud of her.

126 Congratulations to Ex-Chief Jeffrey Brenner and his wife Tanya Brenner on the news of
127 Baby number two. We are all super excited!

129 Congratulations on your retirement David Mohr, enjoy the next chapter of your life.

131 Which leads me to a Big Congratulations to Karen Martin and David Mohr as they tied
132 they knot and got married. We are very excited to hear this news. Best Wishes to both
133 of you, many years of health and happiness together.

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Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – Chief will announce 5-15 years on his/her report.

25 Years of Service

Ann Maloney #921

Ann Maloney, Member #921 – 25 Years of Service - Ann has been a member of HCFAS since May 13, 1996. She is a 20 Year Exempt Member. Ann is currently on the Thursday 1100 Shift. She has been an ALS provider (EMT-CC) since 2009. She has been an EMT and a Crew Leader since 2000. Ann has been a committee member of the Children's Holiday Party since 2016. She has been the Coordinator of the Easter Egg Hunt Event since 2018 and she is also the Explorer Post Advisor since 2011. Thank YOU, Ann for your twenty-five years of dedicated service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

Secretary's Report – Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Eric Kramer to approve the April 12, 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Since the April meeting, we received thank you letters and cards received for: Services Rendered: Susan Seinedio on behalf of the Emily Astulo family, Joyce Koehlein, and member Melissa Anastos on behalf of her mom Irene; Condolences from the SC Citizens Police Academy & Outreach on the passing of Joe Nappi; Good & Welfare –Carol Nucci for fruit the basket. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

I attended the Suffolk REMSCO CPR Award Ceremony at DHFD Pavilion on April 24 and extend my congratulations to HCFAS crews that received an award.

Treasurer's Report – Roger Winter

TREASURER'S EXPENSE REPORT

APRIL 1, 2021 - MAY 7, 2021

6000 EMS - \$9,790.98

6100 Vehicles - \$8,910.63

6200 Building - \$11,371.57

6300 Utilities - \$9,723.75

6400 Communications - \$5,154.48

6600 Insurance - \$5,008.63

6700 Office - \$1,346.22

6800 Uniforms - \$12.50

7000 Training - \$1,549.56

7300 Subsistence - \$1,807.95

8000 Other Expenses - \$2,408.39

Total Expenses - \$57,084.66

Chief's Report – David Kaufman

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In April we had to say goodbye to another one of our own. It's never easy, especially someone as kind and loved as Joe Nappi. Joe and I spent many hours in the chief's office over the past couple years and I got to know him well. He will be dearly missed. Thank you to everyone who attended Squad services. This is one of the many important things we can do out of respect for our fellow members.

Chiefs Council Scholarship:

Applications are due to me by Wednesday May 19th. They will be submitted the following week. Members and dependents of members attending undergraduate institutions are eligible.

Baby Pictures:

Please remember to submit your baby pictures to Julia Vodopia ASAP.

Beach Passes:

The Town will be providing beach passes to resident members again this year. It will likely be a form on the Town of Huntington website again. I will pass along information as soon as it is available.

Longevity Awards:

Pamela Brenner #1157: 15 Years

3 on a 16 Raffle Winners:

Rodriguens Gabriel

Bob Biersack

Memorial Day:

On Memorial Day we remember the soldiers of the armed forces who made the ultimate sacrifice. Please keep them in your thoughts on this solemn day. Unfortunately, the Town will only be hosting limited services.

EMS Week:

EMS week is May 16th to 22nd. Thank you all for everything you do for the community and for each other.

First Deputy Chief – Ryane Como

April was a tough month for HCFAS. My sincerest condolences go out to every member who was lucky enough to know Joe Nappi, especially his close-knit Tuesday 1900 crew. Joe was always genuine and kind and I am honored that I got the chance to know him over the past few years. Thank you to everyone that attended squad services and showed our love and respect for Joe. My condolences also go to Christy Stiles and her family on the loss of her husband, John. Thank you to everyone who attended the wake and showed Christy our support.

Although spring is upon us and the news surrounding COVID continues to be promising in our area, our internal policies have not changed. We are closely watching CDC guidance and are

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231 hopeful that there will be some policy shifts from the State. Until that time, please continue to
232 wear masks, social distance, wash hands frequently and disinfect surfaces. Regardless of if you
233 have been vaccinated, continue to wear masks while in the building and on calls.

234 Please contact me if you are having any signs / symptoms of illness or if you have a positive
235 COVID exposure (outside of the squad). Please follow NYS guidelines regarding testing and
236 quarantine if you travel.

237 Thank you to Bernard Poole, Ann Maloney, Grant Werner and Paul Bayer for providing standby
238 coverage at Greenlawn Fire Department during the NYPD LODD Funeral for Officer Tsakos.

239 Thank you to Julia Vodopia for continuing to chair the standby committee and to those members
240 that have covered or will be covering the fire standbys for Huntington and Huntington Manor.
241 These are a great opportunity to make up hours and complete events for probationary members.

242 **The second quarter is from 4/1/21 - 6/30/21; everyone needs 48 hours per quarter. Please**
243 **remember to finger in and out on the same shift. If you are unsure about your hours or**
244 **don't know if you need finger read corrections, please contact your Day Captain or send**
245 **me an email to first.deputy@hcfas.**

246 **Each quarter, you need 48 hours. To qualify for the end of the year gift card, you need 36**
247 **shifts by December 1st. Shifts only count if they are the full 4 or 8 hours.**

248 Thank you for your continued dedication to HCFAS. Please contact me if you need anything!

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250 **Second Deputy Chief – Jaclyn Rittershaus**

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252 The due date for the mandatory GCN trainings was April 30th, however there are members that
253 have still not completed the tutorials. Those of you have haven't, please complete them ASAP.
254 Every single member must complete them. All three tutorials took me about an hour to complete.
255 The hardest part for some has been gaining access to the website, but I am available to help any
256 time. Call me, e-mail me, whatever it takes, I am happy to help!

257 The May review training has been posted. The topic is ALS for the BLS Provider. This month,
258 John Mancino has devoted time and effort to offering in-person classes related to the topic.
259 Tomorrow night at 1900 hours in the GMM Room, he will be reviewing ALS equipment. This is
260 a great opportunity to learn, whether you are a BLS or ALS provider, ways in which you can
261 work better together when time and quality care count the most. Attendance at tomorrow's class
262 is necessary in order to attend his second in-person training on June 3rd at 1900 hours where he
263 will simulate a call. You can sign up for both classes through a link in the training materials on
264 the hcfas.org website. If you are confused about where to locate that, please contact me. If we
265 don't get enough people to sign up, we may be forced to cancel the classes, which would truly be
266 a shame!

267 In general, please be on top of your review trainings. We are almost halfway through the year!

268 For those of you who have EMT certifications expiring this year, please get your paperwork in to
269 Pam in a timely manner. Remember the latest you can send in your packet to county is 60 days

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prior to the date your card expires. To renew you also need to refresh your CPR certification. Anyone who needs to can sign up by following the link or using the QR code on the flyers in the ready room. I also sent out an email. If you need the sign-up sheet link, please reach out to me.

I also sent out an email with links to some online CME's that fulfill certain new CME requirements like Patient Lifting, Mental Health of the EMT, Pediatric Transport and Emergency Vehicle Driver Training. We are actually in the process of creating an internal training for the Emergency Vehicle Operations topic. I will send you all more information about that as it develops.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers! May you have a nice Memorial Day as well.

Thank you to all members that have served and currently serve in the armed forces.

Third Deputy Chief – William Connolly – Report Posted

Hello Members,

I hope you are well. April was a difficult month for members with the loss of Joe Nappi and Christy Stiles' husband, John Stiles.

Joe Nappi served on Tuesday evenings. He was a loyal member of the squad, a special friend to many and a mentor to me. Because of Joe, my job was made easier. His experience in administrative knowledge had great depth and he never hesitated to share it. I will miss his support and camaraderie. Please keep Joe and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

In addition, please keep Christy Stiles and family in your thoughts and prayers with the loss of her husband John Stiles. On a personal note, I had the privilege of knowing John through work. He was an amazing man and he will be greatly missed by many.

This month I hope to have all the safety belts on the stretchers replaced. Also, this month there will be a work detail, date to be determined.

Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto

Dispatch Training: The month of April saw 7 new dispatchers pass their tests. Congratulations to Amina Sadiq, Merida Flythe, Landary Rivas-Argueta, Michael Morrell, Ori Baer, Alissa Barber and Eve Pollack.

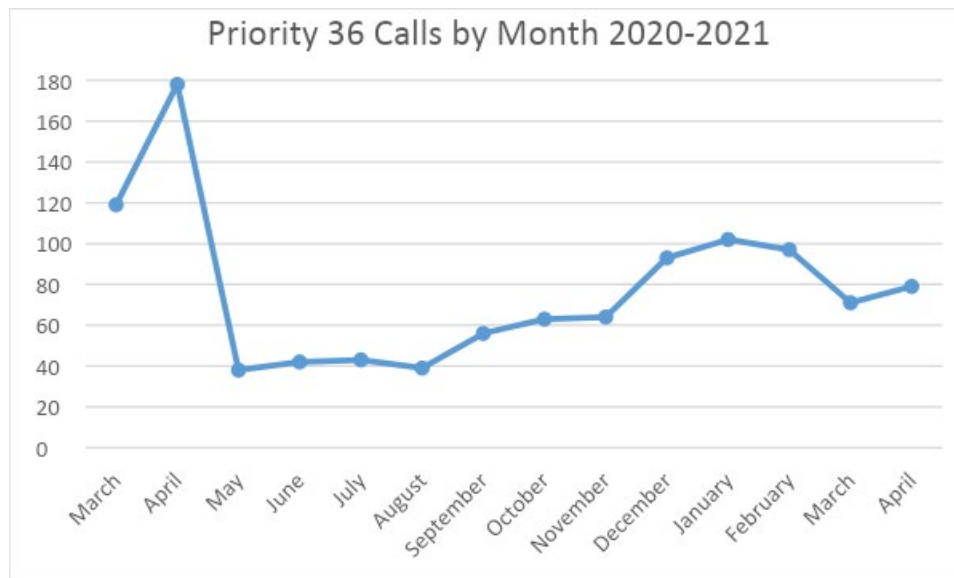
Call Statistics:

We closed out the month with 492 total calls. We transported **80.5%** of calls, down 6% from last month.

We've seen a slight uptick in pandemic calls last month, receiving 79 in all, up from 71 in March.

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I need to recount Signal 24's – having issues compiling the data at the moment.



For April, we saw people come in as backup personnel 26 times.

Saturday and Sunday have tied for the busiest day of the week, both averaging a whopping 18 calls per day – Sunday 4/18/21 saw 11 calls on the 1100 shift alone! Close behind was Wednesday with 17.8 calls per day average. Mondays continue to be the busiest day of the month for March, averaging 16.6 calls per day. Runner up is Wednesday with an average of 14.0 calls per day.

Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain Dale Bartolomeo – Absent - Report Posted and Given by First Deputy Chief Ryane Como

Welcome to May everyone!! I hope everyone is doing well!!

Please for any members on probation keep up with your meetings and events. You need to have 5 meetings and 5 Events to come off of probation.

Please watch out for weekly Facebook posts asking for help for open shifts on Sunday's.

With all else being said Sunday afternoons have been pretty busy. There have been some 24's during the 1100 shift. Any members who are Crew leaders or Drivers or both and live in district can reach out to the chief dispatcher about getting a pager.

As always, please remember to Clock **IN** and **OUT** after completing either your 4 or 8-hour shift. The new finger reader by dispatch allows members to see what time they

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clocked in so everyone can now tell what time they need to clock out to receive credit for the full shift.

Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Paul Bayer

Hello all from Monday again!

A heartfelt thank you to all Monday crews for your dedication and perseverance through some tough shifts recently. Unfortunately, our Monday 1500 crew on April 19th had to attend to the cardiac arrest of long-time member Joe Nappi, only to work another cardiac arrest on the same shift the next week; then only to have an MVA VS pedestrian in Huntington Village the next week. If you see that crew give them a hug - they could use it.

Please do keep an eye out for the May Pulse - there's a Monday Haiku in there I hope you'll all appreciate.

Thanks again to our members who regularly help out filling in gaps in our permanent crews. A few special call-outs:

- Shout-out to Solomon Walden who has been alternating shifts between the 0700 and the 1100 shifts to accommodate another long-time member's alternating schedule.
- Shout-out to John Connors who has been picking up back-to-back shifts on Mondays, Crew-leading on the 1100 and the 1500 shifts.
- Shared shout-out to Jeff O'Neill, Steve Zeth and Kristin Tiersch who have helped fill in gaps in the 1100 driver rotation.

Lastly, a big shout-out to Jackie deBruin who has only just become a full Crew-leader and immediately filled in gaps in our overnight staffing. Please come on in some Monday night and say Hi to Jackie!

As always, we need help (Drivers and Crew Leaders) on the 1100, 1500 shifts and - still - the 2300 shift as well - so please let me know if you're around on a Monday to help out!! Thanks!!

Company 3 - Tuesday Day Captain Elizabeth Mohr - Absent - Report Posted and Given by First Deputy Chief Ryane Como

Sorry, I am unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Thank you to everyone who has helped out on Tuesdays, you guys are amazing.

Congratulations to Merida for passing her dispatching class! We are looking forward to getting you out on the ambulance as soon as possible.

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380 Congratulations to Nicole for finishing her Driver Training calls!

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382 I would like to welcome new members Brittany and Sean to Tuesdays!

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384 Please remember to perform your rig checkouts and your review trainings.

385 Thank you to Captain Eric and Captain Dale for covering me last week.

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388 **Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Eric Nazinitsky – Absent - Report Posted and Given**
389 **by Day Captain Paul Bayer**

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391 Hello Everyone,

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393 As always, I can't thank everyone enough for coming in week after week and making
394 Wednesdays what they are. I sincerely appreciate everyone that comes in for an extra
395 shift to fill a vacancy in the schedule, as well as answering up to signal 3's to keep
396 the day only with only 1 signal 24 year to date.

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398 2nd due crew is needed on the 1100 shift as well as a 2nd due CL For the overnight.

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400 Keep up the great work everyone!

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403 **Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Colin Weigle – Absent - Report Posted and Given by**
404 **First Deputy Chief Ryane Como**

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406 Hello again Everyone!

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408 I'd like to thank everyone on Thursdays for their help this month. I would also like to thank
409 everyone who has come in to help cover open spots throughout the day, such as Annette
410 Hershkowitz, Andrew Taylor, Dana Silverstien, Jim Mallillo, Steven Zeth, Jake Levinsky
411 and Kenny Cadet.

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413 Congratulations to Jacqueline deBruin #1581 and Hila Baer #1605 on both becoming Crew
414 leaders! Jackie and Hila have been ACL'ing and were just cleared earlier this month to begin
415 Crew Leading, so congratulations to Jackie and Hila on a job well done!

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417 Also, Congratulations to Brett Dowler #1546 on completing driver training this month!

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419 Earlier this month we responded to a 7-D-0F for a Fire standby. We ended up treating two
420 patients on scene, one being a fellow first responders of SCPD who was treated and denied
421 transport on scene, and safely transported one of the residents of the home to Huntington
422 Hospital. Afterwards, the Huntington fire department on scene called us to thank us for our help
423 and for the great job we did, so I would like to thank everyone who helped on that call including,

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Ann Schwartz, Ann Maloney, Fiona Witkowski, Jeff O'Neill, Joe Losquadro, Jonathan Bram, Hila Baer and Robert Biersack.

Also, a special thanks to Andrew Taylor and Kenny Cadet for answering up on a 3 on a 16 for an additional call we received during the fire standby and helping cover the call. Thank you all for your amazing help!

Some help is still needed on Thursdays:

A Driver is needed on the 1500 and 2300 Shifts
A Crew leader is needed on the 1900 and 2300 Shifts

If anyone is able to help please let me know!

Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Kathleen Castillo – Absent - Report Posted and Given by First Deputy Chief Ryane Como

Congratulations to Eve Pollack on passing your dispatch test. You ROCK!

I also want to congratulate Kate Kellergis and her husband Jerry on the birth of their daughter. I can't wait to spoil her!

Help needed every Friday:

1100 - 2nd due CL
1500 - 2nd due CL
2300 - Dispatcher and 2nd due Crew

Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Casey O'Riordan – Absent – No Report

Delegate & Committee Reports:

LOSAP 2020 Points – Bob Franz

The 2020 LOSAP Records Listing was approved by the Huntington Town Board on April 13, 2021. In compliance with General Municipal Law, the approved listing was returned to the Squad and posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30-day period. It is requested that each member reviews 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. The listing shows that 246 members made 50 or more eligible points which qualifies for a year of service credit for 2020.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Refundable \$200 Credit for 2020 – Bob Franz

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If eligible (see instructions on back of Form), you can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2020 on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance **Form IT-245**.

2021 HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline July 1st – Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to six (6) five hundred-dollar (\$500) Squad scholarships to be given to any non-probationary HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as the non-probationary member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the July 2021 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to the Secretary (Bob Franz) as of July 1st with the appropriate application form, as supplied by HCFAS, and with the required qualifying evidence. The Secretary will receive from the Chief, a declaration that those applicants are non-probationary Squad members in good standing or family members of non-probationary Squad members in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must submit documentation (academic transcripts) of at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding school year. The applicant must have been enrolled for and completed a minimum of six (6) college credit hours per semester (a minimum of two semesters is required) or the equivalent period at a vocational school. All 2020 scholarship winners are not eligible for the 2021 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. All 2021 winners will be precluded from entering the drawing the following year.

NYSVARA Scholarship-Deadline August 1st

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association (NYSVARA) scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org & must be received by August 1, 2021 (applications postmarked later than the deadline August 1, 2021 will not be considered). This scholarship is open to squad members and post 215 members.

NYSVARA Special Awards-Deadline August 1st

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association Special Awards nomination form can be found on their website www.nysvara.org. The Chiefs' office should consider to send nominations (similar to the REMSCO / SEMSCO nomination applications) to NYSVARA for consideration.

NYSVARA Pulse Check 2021

Pulse Check 2021, the annual EMS conference of the New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association (NYSVARA) will be held in Albany as both an in-person event with appropriately limited participants and virtual on Friday, October 1, 2021 and Saturday, October 2, 2021.

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Legislative Committee: Bob Franz

Carol Nucci has updated the progress of the various NYS EMS Legislative Bills which are posted on the bulletin board.

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

Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner – Total Donations received to date are \$49,296.00. Second wave scheduled to go out in June.

Pulse Committee – Kathryn Donegan – All Reports and Articles are due the 25th of the month. Seth apologized for the lateness of the Pulse due to his time restraints hampering his report submission.

QA/QI Committee – Fiona Witkowski – Dr. Brandler has offered to conduct another CME reviewing our calls. If you would like him to go over a particular call or if you are interested in a specific topic, please let me know by May 24th.

Stand-By Committee – Julia Vodopia – There will be a Stand By on June 12, 2021 from 8:30 AM until 10:30 AM at the Army Reserve. A full crew is needed. Please Sign Up if you can help out.

New Business:

General meeting room is still not available for members' social events use.
Website back end difficulty in producing reports from SCM is a work in process.

Old Business: None

Raffles - Various Gifts:

\$25 Applebee's Gift Card – Eric Kramer
\$25 Cheesecake Factory – Shannon Gore
Chipotle Gift Card – Mary Winter
Panera Bread Gift Card – Leslie Brown
Bottle of Red Wine – Elizabeth Wood
Bottle of Red Wine – Mary Winter
PC Egg Maker – Brian Block
PC Egg Maker – Andrew Mesnick
PC Egg Maker – Solange Rich

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557 **Members in Attendance:** Eligible Members 79, Probationary 9, Total: 88

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560 **Motion made by Seth Fischer and seconded by Robert Franz to adjourn the**

561 **General Membership meeting at 2033 hours.**

562 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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567 ***Christine A. Tedone***

568 Recording Secretary

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570 ***Robert J. Franz***

571 Secretary

572 Draft posted: May 25, 2021

573 Approved: June 14, 2021

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2021 General Membership Meeting
Installation 2021 Board of Directors and Operational Officers
Presentation of 2020 Awards and Recognition of Length of Service
Date: June 14, 2021

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Michael Como	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Roger Winter	ABSENT
Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	PRESENT
Carol Nucci	PRESENT
Fiona Witkowski	PRESENT
Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Jaclyn Rittershaus	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief William Connolly	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Dale Bartolomeo	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Paul Bayer	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Eric Nazinitsky	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Colin Weigele	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Casey O’Riordan	PRESENT

This General Membership meeting is being held at The Larkfield Manor located in East Northport, New York.

Notice of meeting was e-mailed to the entire membership on 5/18/2021 via e-mailed Invitation.

Meeting called to order at 1924 hours

Members in Attendance: 151

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

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Pledge of Allegiance Lead by Sergeant-At-Arms Richard Gierbolini - President Seth Fischer asked All members to remain standing for a Moment of Silence for our Departed Members.

Especially for those who have answered their last call in 2020:

Inactive Life Member June Offermann - #290

Inactive Life Member Felicia Kelsey - #110

Active Member James Ingwersen - #1114

Associate Member Carol Wissner - #564

And for those who answered their last call this Year:

Active Member Matthew Sisinni - #985

Active Member Joseph Nappi - #753

President's Report - Seth Fischer

Get Well Wishes, Congratulations and Prayers:

Get well wishes to Mary Winter on a speedy recovery.

Get well wishes to Carol Nucci on a speedy recovery.

Get well wishes to Philip Orlando on a speedy recovery.

Our Thoughts and prayers are with Tiffany White and her family on the passing of her father, David Forde.

Our Thoughts and prayers are with Will Cohn on the passing of his mother, Victoria Craven.

Our Thoughts and prayers are with Joanne Vogel and Heidi Magerle on the passing of their Dad, Conrad Vogel who was a 52 year member and Huntington Fire Department and Ex-Chief of Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families.

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

50 Years of Service - Martha Brenner #236

20 Years of Service - Donald Ruolo #1017

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Martha Brenner – #236 - Fifty (50) Years of Service – Life Member – Martha is the Mother of Ex-Captain Pamela Brenner Davis #1157, Ex-Chief Jeffrey Brenner #1135 and Associate member Kevin Brenner #1014.

She recently became the Dispatcher for the Thursday 1500 shift and is Co-Chair of the Fund Drive Committee and Historical Committee Chair. She has been an ALS Provider, Crew leader, Driver, Pulse Editor, Service Awards Committee, Staffing and Schedule Coordinator, Review Training Committee, Membership Committee, CPR Instructor, Director, Vice President Board of Directors, Day Captain, 40th & 50th Anniversary Committee Chair and Editor of the 40th & 50th Squad History Book.

Martha is a dedicated member and has served the Squad with dignity and honor. She has made a difference to the community and to HCFAS. We are proud and honored to have you as a part of us for the last 50 years. Congratulations and Thank You to “Life Member” Martha Brenner for your “50” years of dedicated and loyal service to HCFAS.

Donald Ruolo – # 1017 - Twenty (20) Years of Service – Donald Joined the Huntington Community First Aid Squad on June 21, 2001. He has held the positions of EMT-B, Crew Leader, Driver from 2004 until 2016 and then continues as a Driver on Company 8 but can usually be found Driving on a double shift on alternate Mondays. Donald is a Past member of the Bike Team and currently a member of the Oxygen Committee.

Thank You Donald, for your Twenty “20” Years of dedicated and loyal service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

Secretary’s Report – Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Chief David Kaufman to approve the May 10, 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Since the May meeting, we received thank you letters and cards for: Services Rendered: The Mayer Family; Good & Welfare –Vogel & Magerle families for love and support & flowers and fruit basket on the passing of Heidie & Joanne’s Dad, Conrad Vogel; Daniel Roach for a fruit basket and Huntington Hospital Northwell Health letter of appreciation for our services to the community and a gift of T-Shirts for our members during EMS week. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

Motion made by Brian Canty and Seconded by Robert Franz to change the order of the meeting to Install the 2021 Board of Directors and Officers, acknowledge the 2020 Longevity Awards and the Operational Officers Awards.

Motion Approved Unanimously

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President Fischer Introduced the Invited Guests from the Town of Huntington:

Huntington Supervisor Chad Lupinacci

Huntington Town Clerk Andrew Raia

President Fischer Invites Supervisor Chad Lupinacci to Install the 2021 Board of Directors:

President Seth Fischer, Vice President Michael Como, Secretary Robert Franz, Directors Brian Canty, Jeffrey Daniels, Carol Nucci and Fiona Witkowski

President's Speech:

Well, it is almost 500 days later and we are all in the same room. It has definitely been a wild ride to say the least. I will start by thanking everyone for the sacrifices that you have all made throughout the Pandemic. It is a time in history we will unfortunately never forget. You sacrificed your own personal well being for the residents of our community along with your own families. It does not get more admirable than that. In 2020 we were faced with some of the toughest challenges and we succeeded, together as one. I do not have enough thanks and gratitude to go around. You, the volunteer are the core of HCFAS and we are grateful for each and every one of you.

As an agency we have not had the time to stop and reflect. Unfortunately, for many of you as front line workers, you witnessed first-hand a great deal of tragedy, pain and suffering. You described how you were able to just look at a patient with COVID and know that this trip to the hospital would be the last time they would see their family. That was a very sad reality. It takes a special person to be a volunteer and everyone in this room has what it takes.

From our Dispatchers, Crew Leaders, Drivers, First Aiders, ALS Providers, Medics and Administrative Members we are the best in the business. Whether you continued to ride throughout the year or sat it out, I would like to thank you for supporting our agency and our community. EVERYONE in this room played an intricate role.

In 2020 your Board of Directors and Chiefs office worked extraordinarily well. In my opinion, it will go down as one of our most successful years on record. We were in constant communication and we collaborated every step of the way. We were completely committed to our members and our community. During the pandemic we did not waste any time, we acted and we acted fast. I thank all of our Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication. Vice President Ann Schwartz lead a huge effort in turning around our recruitment process and the membership committee to automate everything, bringing us amazing new members faster than ever before. Treasurer Brian Canty kept our finances in order throughout the year which was no small feat. Brian put in long hours, working with FEMA and with the Town of Huntington. Secretary Bob Franz kept our Corporation in order, the man is nocturnal and he worked every single night in the building making sure everything was always flowing seamlessly and we thank him dearly for his hard work and commitment.

Board Member David Mohr not only spearheaded a big construction project for HCFAS which we had to unfortunately table for a bit, but he also ensured there was plenty of food for our riding members throughout the first wave. David also made certain that members who could not leave their homes were cared for and fed as well. Board Member Casey Orr brought forth and led the charge with a fast track program for our past members along with neighboring fire and EMS departments. This was vital and made a huge difference on days that we were concerned we were not going to get ambulances on the road. Board Member Jeffrey Daniels will eventually be bringing us a wonderful new website and last, but

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definitely not least, Board Member Roger Winter. Roger unfortunately could not be with us tonight but without him the building would not be standing. Roger worked every day throughout the last year ensuring that all repairs and work was completed on time by our vendors. Everyone had a role to play and everyone kicked ass. A very special thanks to Lehti Laas. Lehti puts in a tremendous amount of work throughout the year to support the Board and it is always appreciated.

Now, all of this would not have been possible without the leadership and direction of our current VP and Ex-Chief Michael Como. Michael, a proper thank you would be hours and hours long for what you accomplished. It was an absolute pleasure and honor to work with you and Operations throughout 2020. I cannot thank Michael enough for greatness and I know I speak for the membership when I say we truly appreciate him for his success. Last year was filled with stress and complete exhaustion but he definitely brought our organization to the next level. He gave 110% every day and I thank him from the bottom of my heart. Please join me for a round of applause for Michael.

Tremendous thanks to Deputy Chief Wuestman, Deputy Chief Como, Deputy Chief Kaufman and Chief Dispatcher Barker. We witnessed first hand long hours of selfless commitment to our members. This group went above and beyond throughout the year and we were very proud and thankful for their hard work. Some of them had babies, one of them had 1 neck and 2 back surgeries but at the end of the day they made sure we had PPE on hand and our ambulances were on the road. There was just an extraordinary amount of hard work and dedication to fulfill all of their duties. They deserve endless thanks and praise.

A big special thanks as well to our Day Captains, you were all very successful throughout the year. I sincerely thank all of you for your hard work and for fulfilling your obligation, great job all around.

Thank you to all of our Committees and their respective liaisons. Your work was greatly appreciated and recognized. As we know, HCFAS has many moving parts and all of us were lock step with the same goal. They got us through the year with ease and we thank you.

I would like to give special thanks to everyone's favorite Uncle, Brian Canty for this event, along with Joanne Vogel and Heidi Magerle. We were not sure we would be able to get it off, but here we are, thank you Uncle B.

In closing, I ask you all to grab a glass and please rise, as I would like to make a toast to the greatest and craziest family I have. You mean the world to me and I appreciate all of you, so here is a toast to our family....thank you and I love you. Cheers!!!

President Fischer invites Town Clerk Andrew Raia up to Install the Operational Officers:

Chief David Kaufman, First Deputy Chief Ryane Como, Third Deputy Chief William Connolly, Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto. Sunday Day Captain Dale Bartolomeo, Monday Day Captain Paul Bayer, Tuesday Day Captain Elizabeth Mohr, Wednesday Day Captain Eric Nazinitsky, Friday Day Captain Kathy Castillo and Saturday Day Captain Casey O'Riordan.

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Chief Speech:

Good evening everyone,

Thank you all for coming to our first in-person general membership meeting since 2020. It has been a long year and a half as we inch towards a return to how things were before. The selfless care you all provided to the people of Huntington during this time will long be remembered as people recount this past year as an event of significance in the Squad's history.

Especially in light of the last year, I sometimes think about why we do this EMS a challenging field, where we often put our patients first and ourselves second (even though we're not supposed to). We sacrifice family time and events with friends, spend late nights on calls, even squabble amongst our selves (but it's out of love, right?).

Some people do this for the rush the excitement, lights and sirens. Others do it to help people in life threatening situations, to be a part of something larger than them selves or to give back to the community.

Whatever the reason, the time, effort, skill and dedication you all put into your time at the Squad is outstanding and I sincerely thank you all.

I would like to share with you the reason why I am here today as Chief: to give back to all of you who have given me so much over the years and to take the opportunity to share this experience with our new members who are just getting started in the Volunteer EMS service.

For me this means a second family, close friends and mentors, years of belonging, educational opportunities, rewarding calls when you make a difference and help grateful patients or maybe even saving a life (which HCFAS did twice in 2020) and finally a strong legacy of volunteerism.

In addition to fulfilling primary responsibilities being Chief means holding core values essential to the spirit of a community service oriented non-profit organization. This includes integrity, responsibility, respect and tight knit partnerships with our friends at Town Hall and in the fire service. It also means doing the right thing, because it's right even when it's not easy and treating others the way they want to be treated.

I am very honored to be in this position and I thank you all for your support. I am excited to begin another fresh chapter of HCFAS history with all the members, the Officers, President Fischer and the Board of Directors.

Enjoy the rest of the evening and get home safely.

President Fischer acknowledged the 2020-2021 Year 20-Year Exempt Members:

Thomas Lemp

Gregory Orr

Todd Atkin

Keith Tetrault

Thomas D'Antonio

Susan Seibel

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President Fischer Invites the 2020 – Twenty-Five (25) Year member to be recognized and presented with Flowers.

25 Years – Gilda (Jill) Decker – Member #908

President Fischer Invites the 2020 – Thirty (30) Year members to be recognized and Presented with Flowers.

30 Years – Lisa Mohr – Member #573

30 Years – Claire Tesoriero – Member #811 (Not Attending)

30 Years – Elizabeth Steenson – Member #820

30 Years – Thomas Curry – Member #833

President Fischer Announces the Thirty-Five (35) Year member:

35 Years – Karen Reim – Member #596 (Not Attending)

President Fischer Invites the 2020 – Forty (40) Year members to be recognized and Presented with Flowers:

40 Years – James Barkocy – Member #578

40 Years – Philip Schmidt – Member #563

President Fischer Invites the 2020 Chief Officers to present Officer's Awards:

Dispatcher of the Year:

Presented by Mike Barker to Mary Gallagher Sisinni #962 (Not attending)

I was elected Chief Dispatcher for the first time in 1998, so over the years I have probably trained more dispatchers than most. .

A great dispatcher doesn't dispatch a call or – and I absolutely hate this term – a job. A person is sick or hurt. They need our help, Now. The dispatcher gets the right manpower and the right equipment to the right location, as quickly and safely as possible. Our Dispatcher of the Year cares about her patient and her crew.

You can teach signals and scripts but you can't teach caring. Our Dispatcher of the Year cares about her patient and her crew. You can hear it in her voice. The way she says "Please" when asking for personnel or "Thank you" to responding members. The way she gives directions and suggestions to help the crew find the patient expeditiously.

It is clear that this person loves what she is doing and cares about the consequences and she is so good at it.

Our Dispatcher of the Year is Mary Gallagher Sisinni.

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BLS Provider of the Year:

Presented By Mike Como - Colin Weigele #1553

ALS Provider of the Year:

Presented By Ryane Como - John Mancino #1494

ALS Provider of the Year is an award given to an ALS provider that exhibits great clinical skills and goes above and beyond at HCFAS.

“Above and beyond” is the perfect description of the 2020 winner.

In 2020, this member attended their regularly scheduled duty tour and filled in on other shifts, clocking in at a total of 506 duty hours as a volunteer paramedic. This individual not only made it a point to stay up to date on their own ALS training but also made it a priority to train other members in BLS and ALS skills. In 2020 this member was not only an asset to HCFAS but was an asset to the officer corps as Day Captain.

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2020 ALS Provider of the Year Award to former Thursday Day Captain, John Mancino.

Driver of the Year:

Presented By Kathryn Donegan - Jeffrey O'Neill #1535

Probationary Member of the Year:

Presented By Ryane Como - Alexander Hastava #1576

Administrative Member of the Year:

Presented by Chief David Kaufman – Joseph Nappi #753

The Administrative member of the year 2020 was a riding member for 30 years and during this time he was always the most helpful member on scene. He would offer whatever you needed before asked, the stretcher, oxygen, vitals, anything.

When he switched to administrative status two years ago he never missed a second helping me as the Third Deputy Chief, and the Treasurer. I would walk into the Chief's office and he would say “David, you have any work for me?” In this time together he would share stories about his wife and family whom he loved tremendously. During the height of the pandemic his dedication to the Squad was so great that he would bring work home with him exchanging new for completed every week.

He was a great friend to all and a kind person. His passing in April of 2021 was a major loss to the Squad, especially to his Tuesday 1900 shift and he is dearly missed by all.

Please join me in honoring Joseph Nappi #753 as Administrative member of the year.

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Top Responders for 2020:		Presented by Michael Como
Member #	Name	# of Alarms
1423	Robert Biersack	430
1529	Jacob Levinsky	416
1546	Brett Dowler	380
1519	Esteban Lopez	259
56	Robert Loysch	258
1187	Thomas O'Leary	251
1553	Colin Weigele	248
1505	Paul Bayer	248
1597	Evy Baer	222
1576	Alexander Hastava	217

President Seth Fischer - The 2020 Life Members will be awarded at the 2022 Installation Dinner along with the 2021 Life Members.

All Officers, Delegate and Committee reports will be posted on the bulletin board in the ready room and included in the minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Roger Winter – Absent - Report Posted

TREASURER'S EXPENSE REPORT

May 8, 2021 - June 3, 2021

6000	EMS	\$2,440.24
6100	Vehicles	\$29,323.61
6200	Building	\$19,674.52
6300	Utilities	\$1,294.43

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6400	Communications	\$6,452.54
6600	Insurance	\$86,842.00
6700	Office	\$2,979.33
6800	Uniforms	\$8,370.00
7000	Training	\$1,018.00
7100	Public Relations	\$189.00
7300	Subsistence	\$826.01
8000	Other Expenses	\$1,148.61
		\$160,558.29

375 **Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted**

376 On June 12th, we had the **REMSCO Awards Ceremony**. Thank you to Chief Ryane Como
377 for coordinating the event, Brian Canty for helping with food and decorations and probationary
378 members for helping with setup and cleanup. Congratulations to all the winners and to all the
379 members as you are recipients of the 2019 EMS Agency of the Year Award!

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381 On June 19th we have the **Blood Drive**. Please sign up to donate if you are eligible. They are
382 hoping for 100 donations so help spread the word. They are now offering \$10.00 gift cards.

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384 **Scholarships:** Student members and dependents of members please apply for the HCFAS
385 Scholarships.

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387 **Agency renewal:** Please be sure to do careful checkouts, as we will be submitting the application
388 to the NYS DOH shortly. We are likely to be inspected at any time after that.

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Please make sure you are **up to date with CME's** and associated paperwork. You **MUST** meet with the county greater than 60 days prior to expiration.

We are **still requiring masks in the building**. This will be re-evaluated on an ongoing basis.

We will be standing by at the **Fall Festival this year**. Please be on the lookout for additional information. Waiting on dates for any fire department fairs.

Thank you all for the excellent work.

3 on a 16 Raffle Winners:

John Stevens and Jacqueline deBruin

Length of Service Awards:

1484 Brian Block - 5 Years

1486 Sean Harkins - 5 Years

1158 Bruce Hafner - 15 Years

First Deputy Chief – Ryane Como – Report Posted

Thank you to everyone that attended the 2019 REMSCO awards ceremony that was held on Saturday the 12th. Congratulations to all of HCFAS on winning Agency of the Year and congratulations again to Mike Como, Liz Mohr and John Mancino on their individual awards. Thank you to Brian Canty for overseeing the work detail arranging the room, getting tablecloths, and ordering food and flowers; this event would not have been nearly as nice without your help. Thank you to Fiona Witkowski, Tom Lemp, Liz Beach and Nancy Barker for planting flowers out front. Thank you to the probationary members that helped arrange the chairs and tables at the work detail on Tuesday. Thank you to Casey Orr, John Bram, Nerissa Edwards, Michelle Franco, Even Pollack, Jessica Mason and Brittany Wallach for your help on the day of the event.

At this time, we ask that everyone remain masked in the building, regardless of vaccination status. The Operational Officers and Board of Directors will continue to evaluate our internal policies over the coming weeks as we attempt to strike the proper balance between lifting restrictions and exercising caution to protect the membership.

All providers, regardless of vaccine status, should continue to wear N95 masks and eye protection on every call. Additional PPE should be donned at the provider's discretion based on patient presentation. All patients and anyone else riding in the ambulance should be masked regardless of vaccination status.

If you are fully vaccinated, please submit a copy of your vaccine card to the medical committee via email to Medical@hcfas.org or place a physical copy in Director Brian Canty's mailbox. Please only submit your card if you have not previously handed it in. We are required by the state to have accurate vaccination records.

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Our agency renewal with the State is coming up in July. The State could come at any time to make a surprise inspection. Please be extra vigilant with checkouts and please be sure to have copies of your certifications on you while on the ambulance. The State will accept a picture of your EMT Card and Driver's License on your phone.

The second quarter ends on 6/30/21; everyone needs 48 hours per quarter. Please remember to finger in and out on the same shift. If you are unsure about your hours or don't know if you need finger read corrections, please contact your Day Captain or send an email to first.deputy@hcfas.org

Each quarter, you need 48 hours. To qualify for the end of the year gift card, you need 36 shifts by December 1st. Shifts only count if they are the full 4 or 8 hours.

We have had a number of unreported accidents with the ambulances. Repairs are costly and this impedes our ability to claim anything through insurance. Drivers, Crew Leaders and First Aiders are equally responsible for reporting any damages. Please drive safely and if an incident happens, please come forward so that we can address it immediately. Please drive with caution and due regard at all times.

Thank you for your continued dedication to HCFAS. Please contact me if you need anything.

Second Deputy Chief – Jaclyn Rittershaus – Absent - Report Posted

Effective June 1st, NYS has updated its documentation requirements for PCR's. This information is extremely important and must be reviewed by all EMT's. The changes were posted on ESO, emailed, and can also be found here: https://www.esosuite.net/EsoSuite/Notifications/NY_State_Reporting_Config_Changes_060121.pdf

All of the changes except one have been updated in the ESO software, meaning that if you do not perform a required task and fill out the required information, the PCR cannot be locked. On scene, you must be aware of these new requirements ahead of time so that you still have a chance to gather the information. This way, you are not stuck after the call without it and unable to lock your PCR.

The one change that must be incorporated, but that ESO will not remind you about, is that when answering to nursing homes, schools, and urgent cares, you must start manually inputting the scene location information from the predefined drop-down list. This is the only way to include the newly required Facility IDs from these types of locations. Without the Facility ID, the state will not accept the PCR. In my opinion, this is the most confusing update, so if you have any questions, please reach out to me for clarification.

Remember all PCR's must be completed and faxed within four hours. Thank you Jake Levinsky, Paul Bayer and Colin Weigle for helping to update the software on all of the laptops in the middle of the night!!

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Thank you to everyone who completed the mandatory April review training on GCN. Members who have not yet completed it have been suspended as of May 27th at 1900 hours. As soon as the training is completed the suspension may be lifted. The June review training on the pancreas has been posted to the hcfas.org website. Thank you, Mark Brenner for creating this month's training!

Speaking of Mark, He's got even more to offer you all. Tomorrow June 15th from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm he will be teaching two of the four mandatory non-core CME's at Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department: Mental Health of the EMT (1 hour) and Emergency Vehicle Operations (2 hours). To register you must go on the SC REMSCO site <http://www.suffolkremSCO.com/events/2021/06/15/cme-non-core/mandatory-non-cores-mental-health-of-the-emt-emergency-vehicle-operations>

He will also be teaching all BLS core and some mandatory non-core CMEs at HQ from July 6th to July 9th. To register, email Mark at bandguy516@aol.com and indicate if you will be carpooling and which classes you would like to attend.

Third Deputy Chief – William Connolly – Report Posted

I would like to thank the members of the Vehicle Maintenance Committee for helping with vehicles. These include Bobby Loysch, Jake Levinsky, Dale Bartolomeo, Paul Bayer and Michael Capotosto. Additionally, I would like to welcome our newest member, John Stevens.

There have been numerous complaints regarding the Lucas soft cases. I am happy to report that these will be replaced with the Lucas hard shell carrying case. These should all be replaced by the end of the month.

Lastly, when using the vehicle wash station for your personal vehicle or squad vehicle, please be courteous and leave the area hazard free for the next person.

Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto – Report Posted

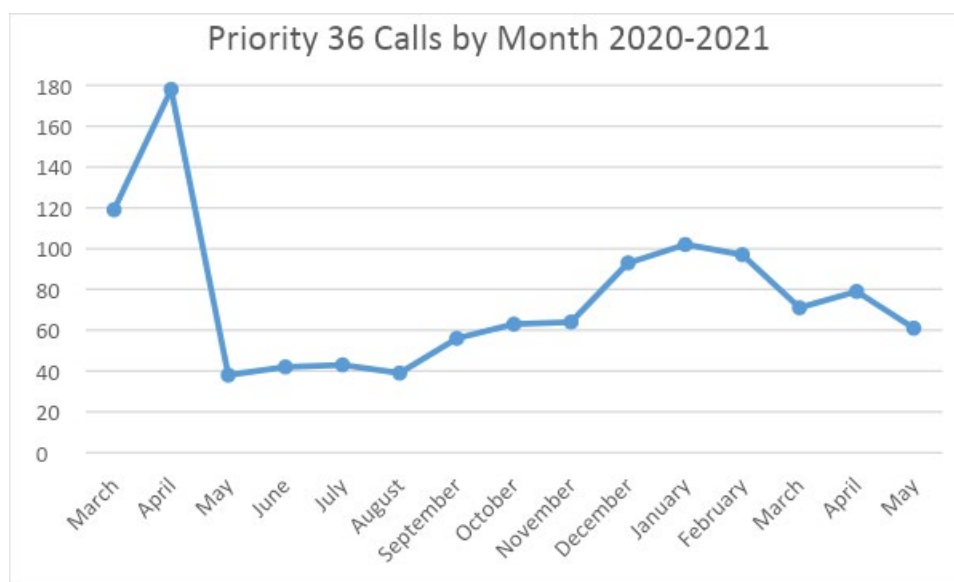
Dispatch Training: The month of May four members passed Dispatch training. Eric Bantz, Noah Ramos, Orla Roberts and Ashley Genao.

Call Statistics:

We closed out the month with 503 total calls. We transported 79.7% of calls, down ~5% from our pre-covid 85% average.

We've seen a drop in pandemic calls last month, receiving 61, down from 79 in April.

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516 We've hit 12 Signal 24's for the year, 5 of which occurred in May, giving us a 0.55% 24 rate.

517 For May, we saw people come in as backup personnel 34 times.

518 Tuesdays had the highest average calls per day for the month, with 18.8 calls per day. Following
519 close behind was Sunday with 18.6 and Friday with 18.3.

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521 **Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain Dale Bartolomeo – Report Posted**

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523 Happy June everyone!!

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525 Hope everyone is doing well!!

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527 Please for any members on probation keep up with your meetings and events. You
528 must have 5 meetings and 5 Events to come off of probation.

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530 Sunday has a new member Marissa Lindner #1646 on the 1100 Shift. Welcome!!

531 Congratulations to Sierra Beck on becoming a Crew Leader!!

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533 Congratulations to Lily Poplawski on passing her EMT class!!

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535 Please watch out for weekly facebook posts asking for help for open shifts on
536 Sunday.

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538 As always please remember to Clock **IN** and **OUT** after completing either your
539 4 or 8 hour shift. The new finger reader by dispatch allows members to see what
540 time they clocked in so everyone can now tell what time they need to clock out
541 to receive credit for the full shift .

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Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Paul Bayer – Report Posted

Hello HCFAS volunteers, from your Monday Captain! Here again with news from Company 2 for the June 2021 GMM. Hope you all liked the Monday Haiku in last month's Pulse.

I have the pleasure of mentioning that **Mary Brenner** turned 97 29 (again) on May 15th. Mary is responsible for training so many of our best dispatchers at HCFAS - she's a treasure to have in Company 2!

A hearty welcome to new member **Pedro Benitez** (#1644). Pedro is dispatch training on the 0700 with Rich Stone. We're looking forward to Pedro's continuing education with us as he moves through dispatching and then on to riding the ambulance.

Welcome back to **Kathleen Rosselli** and **Evan Barnes** for the summer! They're both EMT's and are ACL'ing now - with expectations to be Crew Leaders before they go back in September.

Also - Congratulations to **Isha Dave** (Post Member) for becoming a First Aider on the 1500 shift. We're happy to have you!

I want to mention the crew of the Monday 5/31 for the confirmed SAVE we had on a 52 year old patient who fell ill in front of friends on the soccer field at Jefferson. The crew consisted of **Don Roulo, Nicole Campbell, Doug Mayer, Alex Hastava, Jeff O'Neill, Alex Mullin** and myself.

Again a big thank you to all the members who have helped out on Mondays in May! **Betty Wood, Kristin Tiersch, Nicole Campbell, Shannon Gore, Jackie deBruin, Jackie Callinan, Steve Zeth, Jeff O'Neill** and **Colin Weigele** - a big thank you to you all!

Of course, no Captain's report is complete without a pleading for help! We need a full second due crew on both the 1100 and 1500 shifts, as well as a first and second full crew on the overnight. We also need ALS on most shifts. If you're looking to fulfill your hours on a great day with great people – please give me a call and let me know when is good for you!

Thanks for all that you do!

Company 3 - Tuesday Day Captain Elizabeth Mohr - Report Posted

Congratulations to Sean Moran for passing Dispatching and welcome to new member Brittany Martinez. Sean is finishing up his senior year at St. Anthony's High School and will be taking his EMT exam this month. Brittany is a nursing school major at LIU Post and we look forward to her starting her class in the fall.

Thank you to everyone who continues to answer up on calls, your help is greatly appreciated. Especially the 1100 shift that on May 19th handled 12 calls between 11:30 AM and 3:30 PM with no 24's.

Please remember to do your checkouts and review trainings. Thank you!

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Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Eric Nazinitsky – Report Posted

HCFAS Family,

I would like to start by thanking everyone that continues to help out of Wednesdays. Wednesday's still needs help from crew leaders on the 0700 and the 1100 shifts so if anyone is available it would be much appreciated!

It's because of you guys Wednesday's are able to run so smoothly!

Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Colin Weigele – Report Posted

Hello again everyone!

It's great to see everyone again

I'd like to thank everyone on Thursday's for their help this month. I really appreciate it, especially on the busier days like last week where we had 20 calls, with 6 of them being in about the span of about an hour of one another.

Congratulations to Casey McCormack #1604 of the Thursday 0700 on becoming a Crew leader! Casey was cleared earlier this month to begin crew leading and has been quick to pick up multiple other shifts on Thursday, which has been a great help to me. So thank you Casey and congratulations on a job well done!

I'd like to welcome two new members this month, Claudia Villatoro #1647 will be joining the Thursday overnight very soon. She has just started dispatch training on the 1500 and is doing amazing so far. I'd also like to welcome Jamie Terenzi #1643 to Thursday 1900. Jamie has been dispatch training for a few weeks now and is doing great so far and will be first aiding by the time I see you all next.

As always, some help is still needed on Thursday.

A driver is needed on the 1500 and 2300 Shifts

A crew leader is needed on the 1500 and 1900 Shifts

If anyone is able to help please let me know!

Again, thank you for all your help and amazing work.

Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Kathleen Castillo – Report Posted

I would like to welcome Devon Linden (2300) and Odaly Velasquez (1500) to Fridays! I know you're in great hands!

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632 Welcome back Kate Kallergis, I know everyone is so happy for you and Jerry on the birth
633 of your beautiful little princess!
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635 I want to give a HUGE shout out to all Friday members and all who have answered up on
636 Fridays.
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638 We have not had a 24 since March 28, 2020! This was during the height of the pandemic and
639 I believe our record high on one day was 37 call with 0 24's!! I am truly grateful for all of you
640 and to be part of such an amazing organization.
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642 Stay safe and love each other.
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644 **Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Casey O'Riordan – Report Posted**

645 HCFAS Membership,
646 The first 6 months of the year have been great! I would like to continue to thank everyone that
647 comes in and helps out on Saturdays.
648 A Special thanks to Jeffrey Brenner for providing ALS on Saturday Mornings and to Pamela
649 Brenner for helping out on both the 0700 and the 1100 shifts.
650 I also want to thank Jake Levinsky, Paul Bayer, Esteban Lopez, Evi Baer, Richie Cortez and
651 Bedel Saget for their continued help on the overnight shift.
652 Help is still needed so anyone that wants to feel free to stop by!
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654 **Delegate & Committee Reports:**

655 **July 7, 2021 Golf Outing Drawing – Bob Franz**

656 Only three members signed up for the raffle, therefore there is no need for a drawing. Members
657 can contact me if they are interested in playing.
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659 **LOSAP 2020 Points – Bob Franz**

660 The 2020 LOSAP Records Listing was approved by the Huntington Town Board on April 13,
661 2021 and posted at the Squad for a mandatory 30-day period was returned to the TOH for further
662 processing.
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664 **2021 HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline July 1st – Bob Franz**

665 The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to six (6) five hundred-dollar (\$500) Squad
666 scholarships to be given to any non-probationary HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a
667 direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as the
668 non-probationary member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the July 2021 General
669 Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to the Secretary (Bob
670 Franz) as of July 1st with the appropriate application form, as supplied by HCFAS, and with the

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required qualifying evidence. The Secretary will receive from the Chief, a declaration that those applicants are non-probationary Squad members in good standing or family members of non-probationary Squad members in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must submit documentation (academic transcripts) of at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding school year. The applicant must have been enrolled for and completed a minimum of six (6) college credit hours per semester (a minimum of two semesters is required) or the equivalent period at a vocational school. All 2020 scholarship winners are not eligible for the 2021 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. All 2021 winners will be precluded from entering the drawing the following year.

Legislative Committee: Bob Franz

The NYS Legislature adjourned on June 11, 2021. The bill to allow FD to bill for EMS services did not get out of the ways and means committee for a vote prior to adjournment. The status of various bills is posted on the bulletin board – thanks to committee member Carol Nucci.

NYSVARA Scholarship-Deadline August 1st

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association (NYSVARA) scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org & must be received by August 1, 2021 (applications postmarked later than the deadline August 1, 2021 will not be considered). This scholarship is open to squad members and post 215 members.

NYSVARA Special Awards-Deadline August 1st

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association Special Awards nomination form can be found on their website www.nysvara.org. The Chiefs' office should consider to send nominations (similar to the REMSCO / SEMSCO nomination applications) to NYSVARA for consideration.

NYSVARA Pulse Check 2021

Pulse Check 2021, the annual EMS conference of the New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association (NYSVARA) will be held in Albany as both an in-person event with appropriately limited participants and virtual on Friday, October 1, 2021 and Saturday, October 2, 2021.

District 7 June Meeting – Will be held at Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance on Tuesday 6/15/21 at 7:30pm.

SCACA June Meeting – Will be held at South Country Ambulance on Wednesday, 6/16/21 at 7:00 PM.

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

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

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 125, Probationary 26, Total: 151

Motion made by President Seth Fischer and seconded by Chief David Kaufman to adjourn the General Membership meeting at 2011 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: July 1, 2021

Approved: July 12, 2021

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad

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Date: July 12, 2021

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Michael Como	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Roger Winter	PRESENT
Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	PRESENT
Carol Nucci	PRESENT
Fiona Witkowski	PRESENT
Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Jaclyn Rittershaus	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief William Connolly	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Dale Bartolomeo	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Paul Bayer	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Eric Nazinitsky	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Colin Weigele	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Casey O'Riordan	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 19:34 hours

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

Members in Attendance: 76

Pledge of Allegiance Lead by Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Gierbolini - President Seth Fischer asked everyone to remain standing for a Moment of Silence for our Departed Members.

Presidents Report - Seth Fischer

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

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Town of Huntington Guest in Attendance: Suffolk County Legislator Tom Donnelly
Recognized, Congratulated and thanked all the members of the Huntington Community First Aid Squad for the REMSCO 2019 EMS Agency of the year award. Tom also extended his Congratulations to three of our very own members for their outstanding performance in the Field. Thanks and Congratulations to Ex-Chief Michael Como for REMSCO 2019 EMS Leadership Award, Former Day Captain John Mancino for REMSCO 2019 EMS Advanced Life Support (ALS) Provider of the year award and Elizabeth Mohr for REMSCO 2019 Registered Professional Nurse of Excellence award.

Get Well Wishes, Congratulations and Prayers:

Get Well wishes to Elizabeth Steenson on a speedy recovery, calls and texts are welcome.

Get Well wishes to Linda Osborn on a speedy recovery, calls and texts are welcome.

Get Well wishes to Suzette Biagi on a speedy recovery.

Get Well wishes to Mary Winter on a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Suzette Crespo on her recent marriage. We wish you both many years of health and happiness.

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Richard Stone to change the order of the meeting to hold the Special Election for 2nd Deputy Chief and any other office vacancy that may occur as a result of that election. Motion Approved Unanimously

Only eligible active members (non-probationary) are allowed to vote at this time.

President Fischer opened the floor for nominations for the office of Second Deputy Chief
Dale Bartolomeo was nominated by Katie Donegan

After asking for additional nominations three times, President Fischer closed nominations for Second Deputy Chief.

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Richard Stone to waive the By-Laws requirement for a ballot vote by members since we only have a single candidate for the office. **Motion Approved Unanimously**

Motion Brian Canty and seconded by Mark Brenner for Secretary Franz to cast one affirmative ballot vote for Dale Bartolomeo for Second Deputy Chief. **Motion Approved Unanimously**

Motion made by David Mohr and seconded by Mark Brenner to destroy the ballot. **Motion Approved Unanimously**

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88 President Fischer then opened the floor for nominations for the office of Sunday Day Captain.
89 Wednesday Day Captain Eric Nazinitsky nominated Jacob Levinsky.
90 After asking for additional nominations three times, President Fischer closed nominations for Sunday Day
91 Captain.
92 Motion to waive the By-Laws requirement for a ballot vote by members since we only have a single
93 candidate for the office. **Motion Approved Unanimously**
94 Motion David Mohr and seconded by Katie Donegan for Secretary Franz to cast one affirmative ballot
95 vote for Jacob Levinsky for Sunday Day Captain. **Motion Approved Unanimously**
96 Motion made by David Mohr and seconded by Mark Brenner to destroy the ballot. **Motion Approved**
97 **Unanimously.**
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99 **President Seth Fischer – Report Posted**

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101 Hello Members,
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103 I hope you are all doing well.
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105 We have been running on all cylinders as of late, being bombarded with calls throughout the
106 days. We appreciate those that are stepping up and responding to Signal 3's as well as signing
107 up for multiple shifts throughout the weeks. Friendly reminders, please gather as much insurance
108 information as possible from your patients as well as closing out your PCR's before you leave
109 from your shift. This is extremely important and we ask that you please keep this in mind.
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111 A Special thanks to Brian Canty, Joanne Vogel and Heidi Magerle, for a wonderful General
112 Membership Meeting at the Larkfield Manor. It was great to finally see everyone and we thank
113 them for organizing a good time for all.
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115 In closing, I would like to recognize the Recruitment and Interview Committee's for an
116 outstanding job. I am sure by now that you have had the opportunity to meet one of the many
117 new members that have recently joined HCFAS. These members have ALL been remarkable.
118 They have been extremely eager and are going the extra mile to put in the hard work supporting
119 their crews and HCFAS.
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121 A Big thanks all around. Be well, and thank you for continuing to make our agency shine!!!!
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124 **Secretary's Report – Robert Franz**

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126 Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Fiona Witkowski to approve the June 14, 2021 General
127 Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.
128 **Motion Approved Unanimously**
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Since the June meeting we received thank you letters and cards for: Services Rendered: Resident Frank, Julianne Mataragas (1999 call), Katherine Williams-Ging, William & Gabrielle Hemme and Greenlawn FD Chief for a mutual aid; and Bill Morgan husband of former member Laurie Morrison who thanked the Squad for the assistance given him many years ago when he was in the process of forming the Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corp. in 1979 (he doesn't remember their names but Laurie's uncle was Charter & Life Member Bob Lewow #32 who may have been one of the members that worked with him). Bob Lewow was instrumental in having VFIS offer their fire insurance program coverage to NYS VAS. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report – Roger Winter – Report Posted

June 4, 2021 to July 8, 2021

6000	EMS	\$10,171.81
6100	VEHICLES	\$11,808.97
6200	BUILDING	\$24,744.79
6300	UTILITIES	\$12,211.69
6400	COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,714.17
6600	INSURANCE	\$535.69
6700	OFFICE	\$681.69
6800	UNIFORMS	\$118.85
6900	MEMBERS INPEC	\$9,700.00
7100	PUBLIC RELATIONS	\$716.00
7300	SUBSISTENCE	\$806.86
8000	OTHER EXPENSES	\$7,766.10
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$80,976.62

Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

I hope you all had a nice Independence Day. Thank you to everyone who attended the Eaton's Neck FD water fight/parade. A good time was had by both members and Explorer Post 215 and we put on a solid display of water offenses. The bike team, Gerardo Meija, Solomon Walden and James Kelly also did a standby for the Wantagh Fire Department for the Jones Beach Fireworks Show. The next parade is the Greenlawn Parade which is scheduled for Thursday September 2nd, step off at 7:00 PM. More details will follow via email.

Thank you to those who did the Greenlawn Standby this past Saturday: Michael Capotosto, Christopher Grisham, Nerissa Edwards, Jordan Fuentes and Joseph Savaglio.

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Blood Drive: We received a kind thank you from Carolyn Plante, the community member who organized the blood drive July 19th. 97 pints of blood were donated. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and to those who donated blood.

Thank you to Shannon Gore for arranging the May Vineyard Vines fundraiser. This fundraiser raised \$890.00 for HCFAS. We look forward to working with them again in the future.

We received our NYS DOH operating certificate and narcotics license, which will take us through July 31st 2023. Thank you to Ex-Chief Casey Orr, Chief Ryane Como and Michele Miller for their assistance with this. As always, check your certifications, stay up to date with your CME's and please be vigilant with your check-outs.

Suffolk County EMS recently instituted a requirement for ePCR's to be completed and submitted to the hospital and New York State by the end of the provider's shift, but no later than three (3) hours after the completion of the alarm. If you are able to please try to continue to help out our dispatchers and do quick turnarounds wherever possible, but let's finish our PCR'S on our shift.

Suffolk FRES has discontinued the use of the pandemic EMD type 36. Please continue to be cautious on calls regardless of type. Unless otherwise superseded, the extended crew confirmation, extended mutual aid protocol, diversion to higher priority call procedure is still in effect as per the Suffolk County Memorandum 4/3/20.

HCFAS has discontinued the requirement of masks for vaccinated members. If you did not already submit your vaccine card, please do so via email to medical@hcfas.org or Director Canty's mailbox. Unvaccinated individuals must continue to wear masks in the building. Members must use N95s for all patient contacts. Patients and anyone else riding in ambulances must wear surgical masks. Social distancing and proper hand hygiene should continue to be followed.

I would like to recognize Esteban Lopez, who was in his personal vehicle on Route 110 in Melville, saw a person down on the roadway, and stopped to check. It turned out to be a traumatic arrest for a pedestrian struck by a vehicle. He was first on scene, began CPR, notified bystanders to inform 911 of the situation. Melville Fire Department Chief Kaplan recognized Esteban for doing a great job. Esteban is currently on leave for Navy OCS and we wish him all the best.

We are losing Second Deputy Chief Jaclyn Rittershaus to medical school at SUNY Upstate. I commend and thank Jaclyn for her service as both a Captain and as a Deputy Chief. She organized numerous classes, served as a liaison to the hospitals, wrote and facilitated informative and unique review trainings, and was a tremendous asset to the Chief's Office. Her personality is reflected in her Sunday 1500 shift, made up of strong EMS providers achieving excellence in their work at the Squad. When Jackie finds the time to return to us, she will be welcomed with open arms.

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3 on a 16 Raffle Awards:

Keith Tamayo and Michael Jacoby

If you need a pager and are an EMT/Driver in district, please contact Chief Dispatcher

Length of Service Awards:

1488 William Cohn	7/7/2016	5
1489 Christina Denker	7/7/2016	5
1338 Andrew Taylor	7/14/2011	10
1339 Nicole Calderone	7/14/2011	10
1343 Fiona Witkowski	7/14/2011	10
1163 Heidie Magerle	7/6/2006	15
1162 Monica Mulchandani	7/6/2006	15

Town of Huntington Fire Chiefs' Council Scholarship Winners: Landary Rivas Argueta and Matthew Philip.

First Deputy Chief – Ryane Como – Report Posted

I hope that everyone is having a nice start to the summer. It was great seeing everyone's faces at the in person GMM and having a moment to celebrate everything we overcame in 2020. Thank you to Brian Canty and the Special Event's committee for all of your work in putting together a great event.

While we have removed the mask mandate for vaccinated people in the building, we urge everyone to remain cautious on calls, practice proper hand hygiene, and continue regular decontamination of equipment. While numbers are low in NYS, with different variants on the rise, everyone should continue to remain vigilant. All providers, regardless of vaccination status, should continue to wear N95 masks and eye protection on every call. Additional PPE should be donned at the provider's discretion based on patient presentation. All patients and anyone else riding in the ambulance should be masked regardless of vaccination status.

Thank you to everyone that attended the 2019 REMSCO Awards ceremony that was held on Saturday, June 12th. Congratulations to all of HCFAS on winning Agency of the Year and congratulations again to Mike Como, Liz Mohr and John Mancino on their individual awards.

Thank you to Brian Canty for overseeing the work detail arranging the room, getting tablecloths and ordering food and flowers; the event would not have been nearly as nice without Brian's help. Thank you to Fiona Witkowski, Tom Lemp, Liz Beach, and Nancy Barker for planting flowers out front. Thank you to the probationary members that helped arrange the chairs and tables at the work detail before the event. Thank you to Casey Orr, John Bram, Nerissa Edwards, Michelle Franco, Eve Pollack, Jessica Mason and Brittany Wallach for their help on the day of

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the event. Thank you to Andrea Golinsky who contacted local media and politicians and took photographs at the event.

We have received our NYS Agency Certification renewal which enables us to continue operating for two more years. The state may still come by for a surprise inspection so please stay on top of your check-outs and restock as soon as a call is over. Please be sure to have your credentials on you when riding calls (the state will accept a picture of your card on your phone). Thank you to Casey Orr and Michele Miller for your help in preparing our renewal packet and submitting everything to the State.

The second quarter ended on 6/30/21; anyone who was short on hours will be receiving a letter. The third quarter ends on 9/30/21. Everyone needs 48 hours per quarter. Please remember to finger in and out on the same shift. If you are going to miss a shift, plan to make up the hours by coming in early and staying late or doing another shift entirely.

Each quarter, you need 48 hours. To qualify for the end of the year gift card, you need 36 shifts by December 1st. Shifts only count if they are the full 4 or 8 hours.

Thank you for your continued dedication to HCFAS. Please contact me if you need anything!

Second Deputy Chief – Jaclyn Rittershaus – Report Posted

I am sad to say that I had to resign as Second Deputy Chief since I will be starting a new journey. You have all made it a pleasure for me to serve as your Second Deputy. This was certainly not a one person job, since it relies on help from so many others in various roles such as Instructors, Committee Members, Administrative members and other Chiefs, Day Captains and Board members. Thank you sincerely for your astounding dedication and support and thank you to Dale Bartolomeo for stepping up to fulfill this role. HCFAS will *always* hold a special place in my heart. I will miss you dearly while I am away.

We scheduled a few CME's this month. Thank you, John Mancino for teaching Check and Inject, Mark Brenner for teaching his amazing BLS Core CME boot camp series last week and Jeffrey Brenner for teaching the BLS 12-Lead class this past weekend.

This Wednesday on 7/14/21 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM, we will be having Steve Chassman come from the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency to talk about Compassion Fatigue and Narcan. This training has been a hit in the past. Plus, there will be a free meal! I hope many of you will take advantage of this opportunity. If you miss the sign-up emails for any CME, please let the second deputy know and he or she can resend it to you.

The July review training is on the topic of burns and fire calls. Thank you, Melissa Anastos for creating the written materials and questions!

Enjoy the summer and be well.

Third Deputy Chief – William Connolly – Report Posted

Dear Members:

With the summer months upon us, and pedestrians, cyclists and other vehicles on the roads, it is imperative to increase caution as you drive. Below are some driving methods that can help you drive safely when you are not driving an ambulance and are especially important to help HCFAS drivers avoid accidents and remain safe:

- Always wear your seatbelt and make sure the crew is safely belted in as well.
 - Continuously check your mirrors and observe all traffic.
 - Be alert for parked cars, pedestrians and cyclists.
 - Do not expect you will be given the right of way, even though it ought to be given to you.
 - When you drive in rainy weather, reduce your speed and increase your following distance.
 - Make sure there is a safe amount of space on all sides of your vehicle.
 - When possible, use a spotter when backing the vehicle, especially at HQ and Huntington Hospital.
- Concentrate on your driving and be prepared for unexpected events.
- ***DO NOT DRIVE IF YOU ARE EMOTIONALLY DISTRACTED.***
 - ***REPORT ALL ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS.***

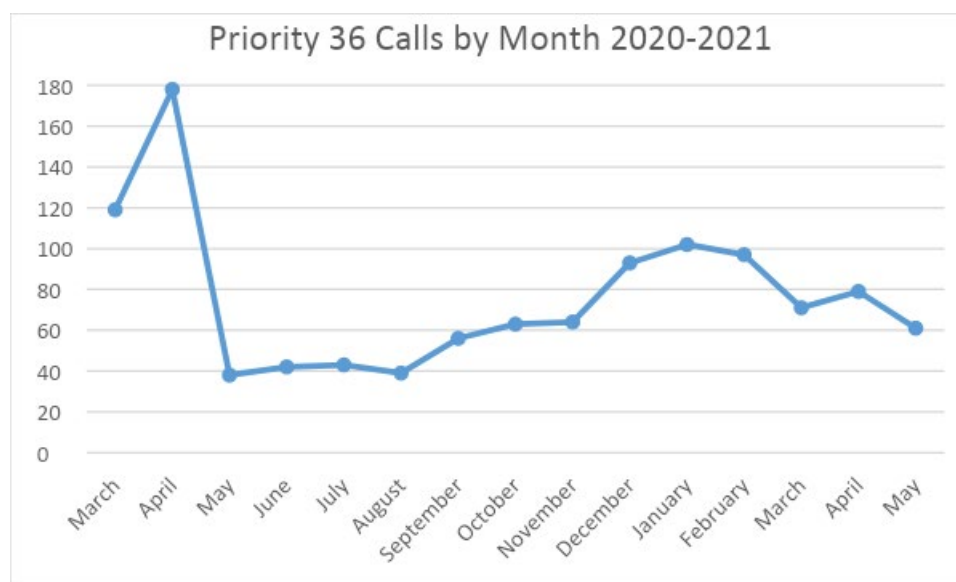
Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto – Absent - Report Posted

Dispatch Training: The month of June saw three members pass dispatch training. Congratulations to Sean Moran, Marissa Lindner, and Post Member Sylvie Grand-Pierre.

Call Statistics:

We closed out the month with 562 calls for the month, giving us 2,945 total calls. We transported 85% of calls, back on track for our pre-COVID-19 transport average. We've seen a drop in pandemic calls last month, receiving 41, down from 61 in May.

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339 We've hit 14 Signal 24's for the year, giving us a 0.48% 24 rate, not too shabby.

340 For June, we saw people come in as backup personnel 41 times.

341 Some News – The County recently announced that they will start using the O-Omega Priority
342 Code for dispatching. This code is a lower priority than Alpha. For now, please treat these calls
343 like any other Alpha call – however this may change later. Stay tuned for updates.

344 We do have a few pagers available for anyone who's interested and lives in district

345 Speak to your Day Captain and we'll get you set up.

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348 **Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain Dale Bartolomeo – Report Posted**

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350 Happy July Everyone!!

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352 I want to thank everyone that came in and helped out on July 4th. The day in the beginning
353 was pretty slow but sure enough the calls came in as the day went on.

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355 The 1900 shift handled 7 calls starting at 18:52 the first 5 calls being in the first hour of the shift.
356 The 2300 shift handled 7 calls the first call being a 4 patient MVA in which 2 patients were
357 transported to Stony Brook UH and the other 2 were transported to Huntington Hospital all
358 with serious injuries.

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360 Some names of members who helped out late into the evening: Alex Hastava, Jacqueline
361 Callinan, Felix Rivera Medina, Kevin Solano, Esteban Lopez, Captain Paul Bayer, Son Alex
362 Bayer, Will Burton, Lily Poplawski, Melissa Anastos, Marissa Lindner and Matthew Philip.

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Please for any members on probation keep up with your meetings and events. You need to have 5 meetings and 5 Events to come off of probation.

Please watch out for weekly facebook posts asking for help for open shifts on Sunday's.

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

Lastly, I would like to Thank all the Members for your vote and for your supporting me in tonight's special election for the position on Second Deputy Chief.

Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Paul Bayer – Report Posted

Hello HCFAS Volunteers,

From your Monday Captain! Here again with news from Company 2 for June 2021. Our Mondays have continued to operate well, although we're still looking for a permanent second crew on the 1100, 1500 and 2300 (overnight) Shifts.

Again, a big thank you to all the members who have helped out on Mondays in June!

Betty Wood, Kristin Tiersch, Shannon Gore, Kelly Murphy, John Stevens, Brett Dowler, Jake Levinsky, Jackie deBruin, Jackie Callinan, Steve Zeth, Jeff O'Neill and Colin Weigele a big thank you to you all!

Thanks for all that you do!

Company 3 - Tuesday Day Captain Elizabeth Mohr - Absent - Report Posted and given by Captain Paul Bayer

Thank you to everyone who has helped out on Tuesdays, your continued support means a lot to me.

Congratulations to Merida and Sean for passing her ambulance orientation! Way to go Brittany for passing dispatching!

Please remember to perform your rig checkouts and your review trainings. Great job to the Tuesday 1500 and 1900 shifts who had 19 calls in 8 hours. You guys did amazing!!!

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Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Eric Nazinitsky – Report Posted

Hello Everybody,

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who has been coming in on Wednesdays and making sure all the calls have been covered.

Congratulations to Cassie Nguyen on passing her EMT! She has started ACLing and is doing a fantastic job!

Lots of help is needed throughout the day:

2 Crew Leaders on the 0700 and 1100 shifts

2nd Driver on the 1100 shift

ALS on all shifts but except the 1100 shift

Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Colin Weigele – Report Posted

Hello Again Everyone!

I'd like to thank everyone on Thursdays for their help this month. I really appreciate it, especially on the busier days like last week where we had 20 calls, with 6 of them being in about the span of about an hour of one another.

Congratulations to Casey McCormack #1604 of the Thursday 0700 shift on becoming a Crew Leader! Casey was cleared earlier this month to begin crew leading and has been quick to pick up multiple other shifts on Thursday, which has been a great help to me. So, thank you Casey and Congratulations on a job well done!

Also, Congratulations to Jonathan Bram #1603 on coming off probation this last month. Very well deserved, job well done!

I would also like to wish the best of luck to Hila Baer #1605 who unfortunately will be leaving us here at the squad because she is going to Medical School! So, Congratulations and Best of Luck to Hila!

As always, some help is still needed on Thursdays

A Driver is needed on the 1500 and 2300 shifts

A Crew Leader is needed on the 1500 and 1900 shifts
If anyone is able to help please let me know!

Again, thank you for all your help and amazing work.

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Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Kathleen Castillo – Absent – No Report

Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Casey O’Riordan – Report Posted

HCFAS Membership,

Thank you all for your continued help on Saturday it is greatly appreciated.

Help is still need on the 1100 and the 2300 shifts.

A second due Crew Leader is needed on the 1100 shift and two full crews are needed for the 2300 shift.

A short term Dispatcher is needed for the 1900 shift.

Thank you all again for your continued help!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

LOSAP 2019 & 2020 Points – Bob Franz

The 2019 & 2020 LOSAP Points Lists are in process being audited by TOH’s CPA firm.

2021 HCFAS Scholarship – Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to six (6) five hundred-dollar (\$500) Squad scholarships to be given to any non-probationary HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a direct family member. Only five eligible applications were received and the recipients are: Jacqueline Callinan, Alexander Hastava, Sheryl Roach, Nicole Terenzi and Evan Bourke, son of member Evelyn Cruise. All 2021 winners will be precluded from entering the drawing the following year.

July 7, 2021 Golf Outing – Bob Franz

Three members participated in the event – Andrew Giusto, Betty Wood and Alison Russo.

NYSVARA Scholarship-Deadline August 1st

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association (NYSVARA) scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org & must be received by August 1, 2021 (applications postmarked later then the deadline August 1, 2021 will not be considered). This scholarship is open to squad members and post 215 members.

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496 **NYSVARA Special Awards-Deadline August 1st**
497 The NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association Special Awards nomination form can
498 be found on their website www.nysvara.org. The Chiefs' office should consider to send
499 nominations (similar to the REMSCO / SEMSCO nomination applications) to NYSVARA for
500 consideration.
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502 **SCACA Meeting** – Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9/15/21 at 7:00 PM at TBD.
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504 **District 7 Delegate - Andrea Golinsky**
505 **NYSVARA PulseCheck** will be held October 1st and 2nd. This year the conference will be held
506 both in person and virtually. Information is on the website.
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508 **Renaissance Downtown - Andrea Golinsky**
509 Source the Station is trying to get 1000 on line signatures asking the DOH to turn NYA property
510 over to TOH so Renaissance Downtown can start construction on artists' lofts and hotel. I am
511 looking to set up a meeting with our local state Government representatives to discuss this.
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513 **Benevolent Committee – James Barkocy & Brian Canty** – If there is a need from any member
514 please contact James Barkocy or Brian Canty.
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516 **Driver Training – Jeffrey Brenner** – PLEASE Slow Down and Drive Carefully! Don't Forget
517 To report ALL Accidents no matter how minor they are. Thank YOU!
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519 **Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner** – Total Donations received are \$73,855.00. The third
520 wave has gone out.
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522 **Pulse Committee – Kathryn Donegan** – All Reports and Articles are due the 25th of the month.
523 **New Business:**
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525 **SIM WARS -Michael Jacoby** - Based on my position at Laerdal, I was asked by an individual
526 from a Fire Department EMS company in Suffolk County if there are any Sim Wars
527 competitions on Long Island. Michael asked and wanted to ascertain if anyone would be
528 interested in becoming part of a Sim Wars Team for HCFAS.
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530 The easiest way to describe Sim Wars is a First Aid Competition versus other Ambulance
531 Services/Healthcare providers utilizing a set of designated parameters treating a Medical
532 Simulator or Human Being with a very specific illness/injury(s) and being judged on a very
533 specific set of parameters.
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535 **Lehti Laas** – Lehti inquired about the status of paying our personnel for Juneteenth.
536 Seth said that this issue will be addressed and discussed at the next board meeting.

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Old Business: None

Closing:

Has everyone fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committee: Special thanks to Lisa Mohr, Robert Biersack, Angie Kalodukas, Joanne Cunningham and Claire Tesoriero

Raffles - Various Gifts:

\$50 Albert's Mandarin – Casey Orr

\$25 Applebee's Gift Card – Nicole Kilada

\$25 Lowe's Gift Card – Lily Poplawski

\$10 Subway Gift Card – Brandon Eybergen

Bottle of Red Wine – Andrea Golinsky

Bottle of Red Wine – Kathryn Donegan

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 64, Probationary 17, Total: 81

Motion made by Brian Canty and seconded by David Mohr to adjourn the General Membership meeting at 2028 hours.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: July 23, 2021

Approved: August 9, 2021

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad

2021 General Membership Meeting

Date: August 9, 2021

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Michael Como	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Roger Winter	PRESENT
Brian Canty	ABSENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Carol Nucci	PRESENT
Fiona Witkowski	PRESENT
Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Dale Bartolomeo	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief William Connolly	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Jacob Levinsky	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Paul Bayer	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Eric Nazinitsky	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Colin Weigele	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Casey O'Riordan	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 19:36 hours

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

Members in Attendance: 71

Pledge of Allegiance Lead by Secretary Robert Franz - President Seth Fischer asked everyone to remain standing for a Moment of Silence for our Departed Members.

Presidents Report - Seth Fischer

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

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Get Well Wishes, Congratulations and Prayers:

Get well wishes to Douglas Mayer on a speedy recovery. Phone calls and texts are welcome.

Longevity Awards: Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – The Chief will announce on his report (5-15 years).

20 Years of Service

Fritz Barreau #1025

Christy Stiles #1024

Fritz Barreau #1025 – Twenty Years of Service - Fritz has been on the Saturday shift for approximately 14 years and we thank him for his dedication and service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

Christy Stiles #1024 – Twenty Years of Service - Christy was an EMT-B, Post Advisor and someone who I am personally honored to call a friend. Thank you for twenty years of dedication and service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

President Seth Fischer – Report Posted

Good Evening and welcome to the August GMM,

In the coming weeks your Board of Directors will be working with the Chief's office to finalize our HCAD operating budget for 2022. I appreciate our Committee Chairs for their input and for their recommendations. We will keep you updated when we are able to finalize. We will be ordering a new ambulance, tough books and possibly a new fly car.

As everyone knows we are back to wearing masks in the building and a reminder to always have your masks on all calls. We appreciate everyone's understanding by the recent change. Not only do we care about your physical health, but we also care a tremendous amount about your mental health as well. If you feel as if you would like help, we are always here for you. Please let us know if there is anything we can do, know that you are not alone.

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Please make sure you are up to date with your review trainings as well as your LOSAP. Have an understanding how you are currently trending for the year. If you have any questions or concerns please speak with your Day Captain.

Please make sure you get vaccinated! Protect yourself, your fellow members and your patients. Yes, we spoke to the squad attorney and we can mandate vaccinations.

Be well and thank you for continuing to make our agency shine!!!!

Secretary's Report – Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Fiona Witkowski to approve the July 12, 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Since the July meeting, we received thank you letters and cards for: Services Rendered: Greenlawn FD Chief – (2) letters - for a mutual aid and for a standby for their installation of officers barbecue; Melville Chief Kaplan recognizing one of our members for aiding a critical injured pedestrian hit by a vehicle at a high rate of speed and for assisting their crews on their arrival on the scene; Good & Welfare: Suzi Biagi for a gift basket and member Paul Terenzi thanking us for considering his daughter Nicole for a scholarship & Sheryl Roach for her scholarship. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report – Roger Winter – Report Posted

Treasurer's Expense Report

July 9, 2021 - Aug 8, 2021

6000	EMS	\$ 3,220.10
6100	Vehicles	\$ 3,514.39
6200	Building	\$ 6,349.67
6300	Utilities	\$ 9,232.16
6400	Communications	\$ 2,054.11
6600	Insurance	\$ 24,321.00
6700	Office	\$ 710.81
6800	Uniforms	\$ 912.49
7000	Training	\$ 200.00
7300	Subsistence	\$ 1,591.53
8000	Other Expenses	\$ 478.73
		<u>\$ 52,584.99</u>

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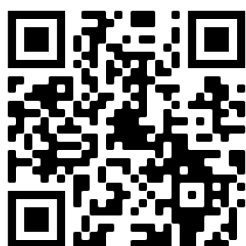
Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Thank you Ex-Chief Dominic Heavey for N95 Fit Testing our members prior to this meeting. If there is anyone who missed this opportunity, please reach out to him.

New Post Chief Orla Cummaford-Roberts. Her regular shift is Saturday during the day so come in and say Hi if you haven't met her.

Greenlawn Parade: September 2nd. Meet at HQ at 1730, Leave HQ at 17:45. This is the only parade this summer so let's have a strong showing. Refreshments will be served.

<https://forms.gle/J2CwfWbKckQHY2Qz9>



September 11th Memorial:

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks. Please take a moment on this solemn day to remember those who lost their lives and those who continue to suffer with 9/11 related illness. We will be attending a Memorial Service at Melville Fire Department on Saturday, September 11th, leaving HQ at 0800 and arriving at Melville Station 3 at 8:20 AM. I will keep you advised as to when the Town of Huntington Service is and if we will be attending.

William Ryan National EMS Memorial: Former member William Ryan, father of member Michaela Ryan and Post member Caroline Ryan was added to the National EMS Memorial.

William Ryan, 50, EMT, Bay Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Bayside, NY, died on 8/19/2018, after he succumbed to a certified World Trade Center illness sustained in the line-of-duty”

As part of the ceremony, the Squad observed the National EMS Moment of Silence on July 24th.

Stand-bys: Lighthouse Music Festival 9/4/21, Greenlawn Fire Department (thanks Brian Canty and crew) 9/6/21, Northport Cow Harbor Race 9/18/21.

WWII Veterans Memorial unveiling TOH tentatively scheduled for 10/3/21 HCFAS standby and observance.

EMS Memorial Dedication 9/30/2021 at Empire State Plaza in Albany. Sign up will be posted downstairs. Ex-Chief Heavey will be organizing this event.

Thank you, Mark Brenner and Brian Canty, for hosting upcoming CME'S.

Brian Canty EMT Refresher: Make sure you sign up promptly as these classes do fill up quickly.

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Fall Festival: Columbus Day Weekend October 8th thru 11th. Add to your calendars. We will need lots of help with stand-bys.

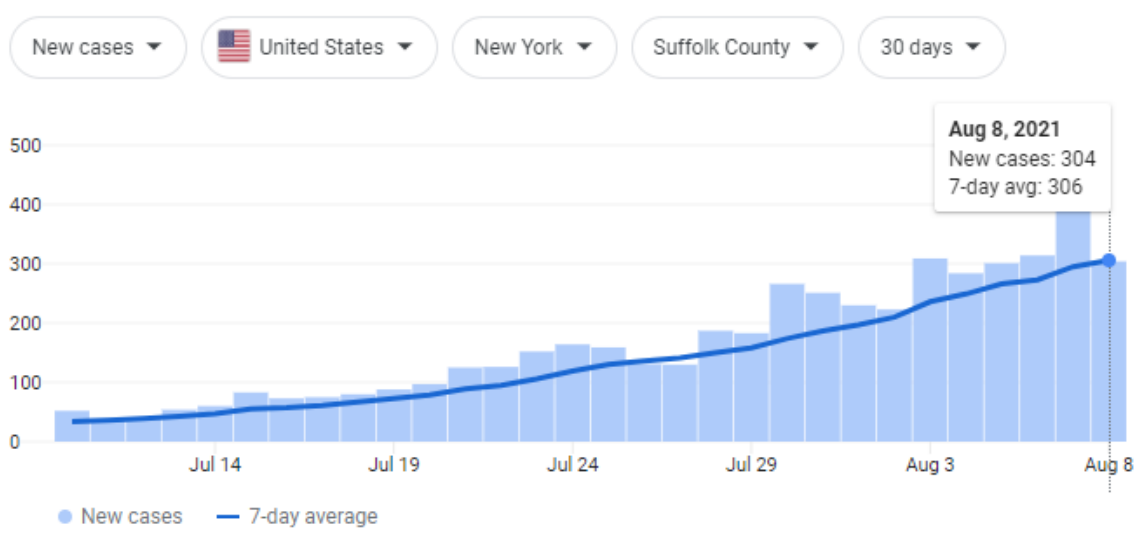
Pulse Check Educational Conference: Sign up downstairs. Held in Albany from 9/30/21 to 10/3/21 (subsequent to the meeting, this has been changed to a one-day virtual conference – see NYSVARA.org website for current information).

Vestibule: Huntington Hospital is no longer able to load and unload inside the vestibule as it blocks the exit. They are working with EMS Squads to keep the turn around times shorter. If you experience issues with this please let the chiefs know.

School Bus Stop Arm Cameras: School Buses in Suffolk County now have cameras which record violations. Anyone who passes a stopped school bus when the red lights are flashing and the Stop sign arm is deployed will be issued a camera ticket analogous to the red-light camera tickets. Please do not under any circumstance pass a stopped school bus. It is both a dangerous and a valid Vehicle and Traffic Violation (VTL) and you will be fined.

COVID-19 Numbers are on the rise so we are exercising more caution at this time.

Masks must be worn in our building, in the hospital, in the ambulance by everyone including EMS providers, patients and patient guests.



Medical Facilities: In our work we encounter many other medical professionals. Some are friendlier and more knowledgeable than others but we must always treat Nurses, Doctors, Home Health Aids, etc., with patience and respect. You are representing our agency on calls and whether you are right or wrong, the way you speak to people reflects on our agency so let's make sure that people see us as the compassionate and skilled providers that we are.

Length of Service Awards:

#1345 Sara Manning 8/11/2011 10 Years

#1346 Maxine Epstein 8/11/2011 10 Years

Congratulations and thank you both for your service.

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3 on a 16 Raffle:

Jeffrey O'Neil
Robert Loysch

Thank you for everything you do. Enjoy the rest of your summer and have a nice Labor Day.

First Deputy Chief – Ryane Como – Report Posted

Happy August!

I hope that everyone is enjoying the final weeks of summer and spending lots of time outside with loved ones.

As everyone is aware, we have re-instituted universal masking in the building. We are doing our best to take proactive measures to continue to keep the membership healthy and protected. Please contact me prior to coming to the building if you have had an exposure or are feeling ill. I have started tracking exposures again and will advise you if you need to get a test or need to isolate before returning to your shift.

All providers, regardless of vaccination status, should continue to wear N95 masks and eye protection on every call. Additional PPE should be donned at the provider's discretion based on patient presentation. All patients and anyone else riding in the ambulance must wear surgical masks regardless of vaccination status. Providers and patients must be masked when entering the hospital. Please continue to take temperatures of all patients and document it in the vital signs. If a patient is confirmed or suspected COVID-19 positive, please use the COVID impressions in the narrative screen.

Huntington Hospital will continue to notify us if we transported a COVID positive patient, however, if you are wearing the appropriate PPE you have nothing to worry about. If you have an exposure outside of the squad, please email or text me before coming to the building. If you have any signs or symptoms of illness please do not come to the building. All providers, regardless of vaccination status, should continue to wear N95 masks and eye protection on every call. Additional PPE should be donned at the provider's discretion based on patient presentation. All patients and anyone else riding in the ambulance should be masked regardless of vaccination status.

If you are submitting an educational leave of absence request the HCFAS ELOA form must be accompanied by your semester schedule as well as your school's academic calendar. Please be sure all documentation is submitted to avoid the leave request being denied or delayed.

The second quarter ended on 6/30/21; anyone who was short on hours received an email and a letter notifying them. The third quarter ends on 9/30/21. Everyone needs 48 hours per quarter. Please remember to finger in and out on the same shift. If you are going to miss a shift, plan to make up the hours by coming in early and staying late or doing another shift entirely.

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Each quarter, you need **48 hours**. To qualify for the end of the year gift card, you need **36 shifts** by December 1st. Shifts only count if they are the full 4 or 8 hours. Gift card season is rapidly approaching. Please talk to your Day Captain or send me an email if you are unsure about your quarter hours or shift count to date.

Thank you all for your continued dedication to HCFAS and service to your community. Please contact me if you need anything!

Second Deputy Chief – Dale Bartolomeo – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Third Deputy Chief William Connolly

Some old Stuff:

Effective June 1st, NYS has updated its documentation requirements for PCRs. This information is extremely important and must be reviewed by all EMT's. The changes were posted on ESO, emailed and can also be found here: https://www.esosuite.net/EsoSuite/Notifications/NY_State_Reporting_Config_Changes_060121.pdf

The one change that must be incorporated, but that ESO will not remind you about is that when answering to nursing homes, schools and urgent cares you must start manually inputting the scene location information from the predefined drop-down list. This is the only way to include the newly required Facility ID's from these types of locations. Without the Facility ID, the state will not accept the PCR. In my opinion, this is the most confusing update so, if you have any questions please reach out to me for clarification.

Remember all PCR's must be completed and faxed within four (4) hours.

The August Review Training on Firefighter Rehabilitation has been posted on the HCFAS website. Thank you Melissa Anastos for all your help.

Anyone looking to take a CPR class please use this QR code below to register for an upcoming class.



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258 Anyone who needs to take an EMT-B Refresher Course there will be a class given here starting
259 September 9th! There are also multiple postings in the ready room for other Refresher courses
260 and multiple Original courses as well.
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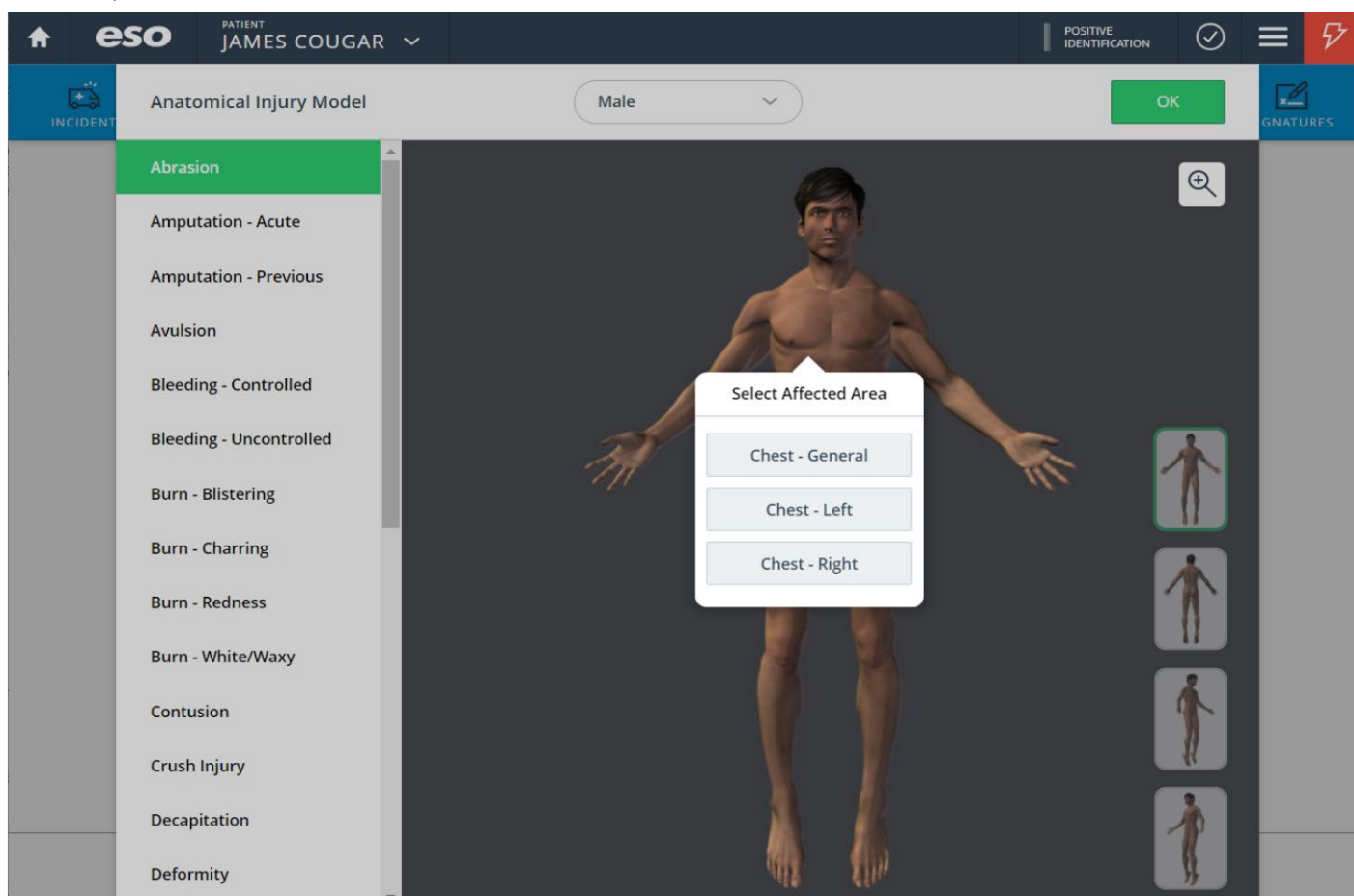
262 On July 28, 2021, we will introduce significant improvements to the workflow for documenting
263 Assessments in EHR including:

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265 A redesigned user interface with more than 70 new medical and injury findings and finding
266 locations:

- 267 • The ability to document an unlimited number of assessments with speed
- 268 • New nomenclature of “present” and “absent” for documenting findings

269 We recommend you preview these enhancements and new workflow in a video and user guide
270 we have posted to the [EHR Training portal](#).

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↑ eso PATIENT JAMES COUGAR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION

INCIDENT PATIENT VITALS FLOWCHART ASSESSMENTS NARRATIVE FORMS BILLING SIGNATURES

Assessment - 07/20/2021 09:08:38

MENTAL STATUS

SKIN

HEENT

CHEST

ABDOMEN

BACK

PELVIS/GU/GI

EXTREMITIES

NEUROLOGICAL

Findings

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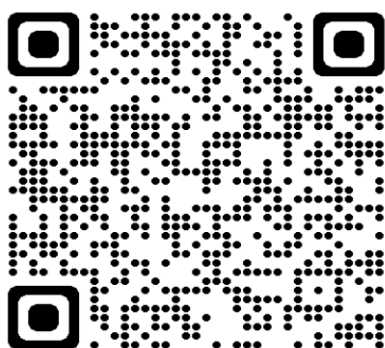
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278 The Alzheimer's Association will be presenting this training for us.
279 Subject: Approaching Alzheimer's: First Responder Training and 10
280 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's
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282 Time and Place: HCFAS GMM room August 24th 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
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284 This will give 1.5 hours of Non-Core CME credit
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286 If interested please sign up by taking a photo of the QR code Below:



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288 **Third Deputy Chief – William Connolly – Report Posted**

289 Dear Members,

290 Please remember to contact your Day Captain and myself when there is an issue with the
291 ambulances. I can be reached on my cell phone (516) 457-0967 or via email,
292 Third.deputy@hcfas.org

293 We are fully stocked with PPE for COVID calls. Gowns are now located in the unlocked BLS
294 closet. However, face masks and N95 respirators remain in their current location.

295 Also, continue to be careful while driving and don't be afraid to take your time if necessary.
296 Safety is first. Please remember to put the Chevy ambulances in high idle at the scene:

- 297 1) Place the Ambulance in Park,
298 2) Set the parking brake,
299 3) Turn cruise control ON and push SET.

300 If you are not familiar with these steps ask a driver trainer. In the Ford ambulances you need
301 only to set the parking brake. This activates the high idle.

302 Thank you for everything you do. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto – Absent - Report Posted and Given by First Deputy Chief Ryane Como

Dispatch Training: Brittany Martinez, Grace Kata, Devon Linden, Odaly Velasquez, Wendy Qu, Nicole Kilada and Post Member Monica Rios.

Thank you to the dispatch training committee for getting our newest members through training so quickly!

Call Statistics:

We closed out June with 566 total calls, transporting 82.2% of calls, a bit below our usual 85%.

We no longer have Priority 36 calls coming in from the county, so no more stats on COVID-19 calls for us.

We have had 16 mutual aids through July for a 0.46% mutual aid YTD, not too shabby. We have had people respond to the building as backup personnel 58 times this month. Thank you to everyone for listening up, this is the highest backup response rate this year!

We do have a few pagers available for any Crew Leaders or Drivers who are interested and live in the district – Speak to your Day Captain and we'll get you set up.

Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain Jacob Levinsky – Report Posted

Hello Everyone,

Once again that you all for welcoming me as the new Sunday Captain.

In the month of June, we have had 0 24's. Many thanks to those members that filled in on shifts and answered up so far on the past couple of Sundays, all of your help is always appreciated.

Congratulations to Nicole Kilada #1650 for passing dispatching and continuing onto the ambulance and who will soon start ACLing.

Congratulations to Marissa Lindner #1646 for passing her EMT-B state written and on becoming an EMT and soon to start ACLing as well.

Finally, Congratulations to Jaclyn Rittershaus #1492 for being accepted into medical school. You will be greatly missed and we wish you the best in your future endeavors! Welcome back Sue Otto #790 from her LOA. The overnight is still in need of Dispatcher.

If anyone is available please let me know.

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Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Paul Bayer – Report Posted

Hello HCFAS volunteers from your Monday Captain!

Here again with news from Company 2 for August 2021. We are nearing the end of summer and I hope everyone is having a fabulous season - spending time (safely) with friends and family.

A warm welcome to **Pedro Benitez** (#1644) who has been dispatch training with **Richard Stone** on the 0700 shift. He's looking forward to starting an EMT class in the fall and is anxious to get on the ambulance soon.

Gregory Henninger (#1653) started his first shift on Monday, 7/26/21 during the 1100. Greg is in EMT classes already and even though he's dispatch training on the 1500, he's been running an additional shift on the 1100 riding as a First Aider.

Also - Congratulations to both **John Stevens** (#1627) and **Isha Dave** (Post Member) for passing their NYS EMT exam! Congratulations **John** to also becoming a **Driver** and an **ACL** so quickly.

We will be sad to see a number of our younger Company 2 members (and honorary members) go back to school before the end of the month: **Evan Barnes, Kay Rosselli, Grace Kata, Wendy Qu, Emily Berkowitz**. Those who have already left for school: **Breanna Tahany**; and those who come in to help out: **Evi Baer, Jake Levinsky, Esteban Lopez, Michaela Ryan, Eve Pollack, Merissa Lindner**. Thanks to all of you for your dedicated efforts and please come back soon!!

Again, a big Thank you to all the members who have helped out on Mondays in July! **Betty Wood, Casey McCormack, Jackie deBruin, Jackie Callinan, Eve Pollack, Marissa Lindner, Jeff O'Neill** and **Colin Weigele** - a big thank you to you all!

Of course, a Captain's report is complete without a pleading for help! We need a second due CL on the 0700 shift, a full second due crew on both the 1100 and 1500 shifts, as well as a first and second full crew on the overnight. We also need ALS on most shifts. If you're looking to fulfill your hours on a great day with great people – please give me a call and let me know when is good for you!

Thanks for all that you do!

Company 3 - Tuesday Day Captain Elizabeth Mohr - Absent – No Report

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Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Eric Nazinitsky – Absent - Report Posted

Hi Everyone,

I'd like to start by welcoming new member, Alana Marino to the 1100 shift! Welcome Alana!

Secondly, I need help throughout the day as usual. Especially now since the college students are going back to school!

Two (2) Crew Leaders needed on the 0700 Shift

Full second crew on the 1100 Shift

ALS Needed on the 1500 Shift

Keep up the great work everybody!

Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Colin Weigle – Report Posted

Hello everyone! I hope you are all doing well!

I'd like to thank everyone on Thursdays for their help this month. I really appreciate it.

I would like to welcome new member Bronwyn Kelly #1651 to the Thursday 1100 Shift!

Bronwyn was a member of Post 215 and was just accepted as a member so be sure to give her a warm welcome tomorrow!

Congratulations to Jamie Terenzi #1643 on passing her dispatching exam! Jamie passed her test this past week and will begin First Aiding very soon!

As always, Some help is still needed on Thursday

A driver is needed on the 1500 and 2300 Shifts

A Crew Leader is needed on the 1500 and 1900 Shifts

If anyone is able to help please let me know!

Again, thank you for all your help and amazing work.

Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Kathleen Castillo – Absent – No Report

Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Casey O'Riordan – Absent - Report Posted

HCFAS Membership,

Thank you for your continued help on Saturdays, it's greatly appreciated.

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Saturdays still need help! A Crew Leader is needed for the 1100 shift and two full crews are needed for the 2300 Shift.
Any help would be appreciated!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

VFIS Combined Insurance Group Term Life Insurance Certificate – Bob Franz

As you all remember, HCFAS changed our group term life insurance coverage from VESO to VFIS on November 1, 2020. After that date, I requested that all **active non-probationary** members who were participants under the program to complete a beneficiary form and I wish to thank everyone who complied with that request. As a participant, you are entitled to receive a Certificate of Insurance explaining the coverage.

I will be emailing the certificate to all participants within the next 10 to 14 days. There is the possibility that some members who are not participants may receive the certificate in error and I request that they delete the email or contact me if they have any questions.

I wish to thank Friday evening dispatcher Nedi Serrano and Tuesday afternoon dispatcher Christy Stiles for assisting with the change over these past several months.

LOSAP 2021 – Bob Franz

Please check your points on the lists that are posted on a periodic basis.

NYSVARA Pulse Check 2021 – Andrea Golinsky

Pulse Check 2021 - The annual EMS conference of the New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association (NYSVARA) will be held on Friday, October 1, 2021 and Saturday, October 2, 2021. This will be a limited in person and virtual conference. There is a sign up on the bulletin board for non-probationary members in good standing who wish to attend in person. The program presentations are on the NYSVARA website and are also posted on the bulletin board. Members wishing to attend the conference virtually should contact Second Deputy Chief Dale Bartolomeo for approval prior to registering on line (subsequent to the meeting, this has been changed to a one-day virtual conference – see NYSVARA.org website for current information).

District 7 Meeting – Next meeting will be on Tuesday, 8/17/21 at 7:30 PM at TBD.

SCACA Meeting – Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 9/15/21 at 7:00 PM at Exchange Ambulance of the Islips.

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Renaissance Downtown – Andrea Golinsky

I had been asked to set up a meeting with our NYS Legislators in order to discuss the turnover of the DOT property along NYA and the lot next to our building to the Town of Huntington and then to Renaissance. The property along New York Avenue is to be used for Artist lofts and commercial tenants. The parking lot next to our building is for the building of a Hotel at the corner of Railroad Street and New York Avenue with an additional building between the Hotel and our building. We are not yet aware of what type of building will be next to us.

I have made attempts to schedule a meeting with Seth, Roger and Bob but have not been able to get dates that everyone is available.

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

CME Committee – Pamela Brenner Davis - As we move to Back-to-School mode please be mindful of your EMT certification and where you stand with your CME's. A big thank you to Mark Brenner for donating his time this summer to teach a rapid CME series for HCFAS members. Gratitude also goes to Brian Canty for getting the county to allow him to offer a Skills session at HCFAS.

Please keep the following information in mind as you work towards your renewal:

All course completion documents must be submitted to the HCFAS CME Coordinator regularly to remain in the CME program.

All certification paperwork must be submitted, in person, to the Deputy Chief of Education at Suffolk EMS no later than **60 days prior to expiration**. If you're an overachiever you can submit, at max, 9 months prior to expiration.

All participants must have a current CPR card with a minimum of **6 months remaining at the time of their EMT renewal**. Please reach out to the CPR committee if your EMT expires in the next year or so and get that ball rolling.

The county is currently accepting classes through in-person and online study. Check out the Vital Signs Academy or CareerCert.com for some great courses that can be taken from the comfort of your own home.

Participants must be credentialed in Suffolk County and must maintain **continuous practice** at the level of their re-certification. **This means you MUST be a riding member who regularly appears on PCR's. Providers who are on continuous LOA's or serve as permanent Dispatchers are not eligible to renew through the CME program.**

I'm doing my best to keep up with all of you and your certification needs. I aim to answer your questions and provide guidance as quickly as possible. I appreciate all your dedication to the

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HCFAS and in maintaining your certification. Let me know how I can help by reaching out to me at pamelabrenner@gmail.com or 516-521-6550

Important Links

The new tracking sheets, breakdown of topic hours, information about the CME program and breakdown of Alphabet courses can be found [here](#).

If you're in the CME program, please read [this packet](#) so you have a clear understanding of your obligations. Failure to comply may result in your removal from the CME program.

All Suffolk County classes can be found [here](#).

Explorer Post 215 – Susanna Otto – There are currently about 20 active Post 215 members. 7 to 8 Seniors are going off to college in the fall. Two (2) are in the process of joining as adults. The others will do shifts on their school breaks. They may remain Post members until the age of 19. Post 215 members will be marching in the Greenlawn Parade on 09/02/21. There will be an Orientation meeting for new members on Sunday, 09/12/21 at 10:00 AM. Anyone interested or know of any teens who have graduated 8th Grade may attend this meeting. Their Parents are also required to attend the meeting. There will be a CPR class for Post members who need it. The class will be given on 09/19/21. Eight (8) Post members were Fit tested this evening by Ex-Chief Dominic Heavey. Dominic will also be joining the Post as an advisor. We are Always in need of more advisors, both male and female, as we had 40 teens last year. Please contact me if you are interested.

Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner – Total Donations received are \$87,231.00.

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

QA/QI Committee – Fiona Witkowski – Please remember to fill in all the fields of the patient assessment for every patient. You do not need to do a detailed assessment of every item on the list, but make sure everything is covered.

Please remember to obtain patient insurance wherever possible. Obtain vehicle insurance provider for all motor vehicle accidents. If you can't obtain medical insurance get the patient's phone number and social security number.

Remember to use the "Search" button. If we have picked up the patient before, this function will import most of the information you need.

New EMT's – Please put a copy of your card in the First Deputy Chief's mailbox.

Stand By Committee - Julia Vodopia – There will be a Stand by in Yaphank next week. Future Stand By dates in Yaphank are 6PM Thursday September 9th-HFD & 6PM Wednesday September 15th - HMFD and 9AM Sunday October 17th – HFD. Anyone who is available to do any of these stand by's please contact Julia. Sign up Sheets will be posted in the ready room.

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Uniform Committee – Carol Nucci – If you are in need of a uniform please complete a Uniform Request Form and have your Day Captains sign them before submission. There may be a transition of the Uniform Committee Chairperson.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Raffles - Various Gifts:

\$25 Applebee's Gift Card – Andrea Golinsky

\$25 Applebee's Gift Card – Susanna Otto

\$25 Lowe's Gift Card – Kyoko Saito

\$15 Panera Bread Gift Card – Martha Brenner

\$10 Subway Gift Card – Karen Martin

Bottle of Red Wine – Michael Jacoby

Bottle of Red Wine – Alanda Marino

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 57, Probationary 15, Total 72

Motion made by Mark Brenner and seconded by Roger Winter to adjourn the General Membership meeting at 2024 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: August 20, 2021

Approved: October 11, 2021

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2021 Informational General Membership Meeting
Date: September 13, 2021

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Michael Como	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Roger Winter	PRESENT
Brian Canty	ABSENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Carol Nucci	PRESENT
Fiona Witkowski	PRESENT
Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Ryane Como	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Dale Bartolomeo	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief William Connolly	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Jacob Levinsky	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Paul Bayer	ABSENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Eric Nazinitsky	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Colin Weigele	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Casey O'Riordan	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 19:35 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Seth Fischer that the required quorum of 50 members has not been met per the sign in sheet (eligible members 40). This will be an Informational meeting.

Members in Attendance: 45

Pledge of Allegiance Lead by President Seth Fischer - President Seth Fischer asked everyone to remain standing for a Moment of Silence for all HCFAS members and for and for all of those who serve in the armed services to America and all those who lost their lives on 9-11 and those who continue to die from illnesses as a result of 9-11.

A presentation was given by Terence Cruz and two other members of the National Guard recruitment staff. Invitation to attend was extended by Bob Biersack.

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Presidents Report - Seth Fischer

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

Get Well Wishes, Congratulations and Prayers:

Congratulations to Jamie Terenzi on her recent Wedding. We are all very excited for you. Also, Congratulations to her sister Nicole and Her Dad Paul!

Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – Chief will announce on his/her report (5-15 years).

**35 Years of Service
Laura Treulich #743**

**25 Years of Service
Nancy Barker #930**

**20 Years of Service
Ona Mastroianni #1029
James Mallilo #1030**

Laura Treulich – Member #743 - 35 Year Service Award - Over the past 35 years Laura has served as the officers' secretary. She served as a Member of the social committee, Member of the recruitment committee and she was the Co-Chair of the uniform committee. Laura is a wonderful Dispatch trainer on one of our busiest days of the week and she has been an EMT for 12 years. Thank You, Laura for your thirty-five (35) years of dedicated and loyal service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

Nancy Barker – Member #930 – 25 Year Service Award – Nancy is a Dispatcher on the Tuesday 0700 Shift. She has been an EMT and a Crew Leader for 22 years. She served as Day Captain for Monday in 2001. She has been an American Heart Association (AHA) CPR Instructor for Professional from 2002 – 2014, an American Red Cross (ARC) CPR Instructor for Professional from 2006-2019, an American Red Cross (ARC) instructor for "Responding to Emergencies" from 2006 – 2016. She has been the Chairman for the AED Committee from 2001 until present and she has been on the Uniform Committee from 2013 until present. Nancy participates in the Celebrate Huntington yearly. She has served on the New Building Committee, the 40th Anniversary Committee and the Bike Committee from 1997-1998 (I tried). I found a photo of me as Day Captain! It was fun rummaging through 25 years. Thank You, Nancy for your twenty-five (25) years of dedicated and loyal service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

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93 **Ona Mastroianni – Member #1029 – 20 Year Service Award** – Ona is a First Aider. She
94 consistently serves on the Saturday 1900 shift. Thank you, Ona for your twenty (20) years of
95 dedicated and loyal service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

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97 **James Mallilo – Member #1030 – 20 Year Service Award** – Jim became a Life Member in
98 2017. He served as Chief Dispatcher 2011 & 2012 and he served as Monday Day Captain in
99 2014. He was the Second Deputy Chief in 2015. He is currently an EMT, Driver and Crew leader
100 but for the past two years he has been the Permanent Dispatcher on the Friday 1500 shift as well
101 as filling in on other shifts. Jim is a very knowledgeable and versatile member having chaired or
102 co-chaired numerous important committees over the years that has keep the squad running so
103 smoothly. He is dedicated, committed and spends many hours to keep the squad functioning. Jim
104 has been on the Technology Committee for 14 years. He has served on the Communication
105 Committee for 10 years and on the Computer Committee for 14 years. (He Purchased and
106 installed computers for all the officers, board members, committees and the membership). Jim
107 has been on the Document Retention Committee for 13 years, the LOSAP Point Committee for
108 10 years, Dispatch Training Committee for 2 years and he has Served on the ID Card Committee
109 10 years, Oxygen Committee for 8 years and the Life Membership Committee for 2 years. Thank
110 you, Jim for your twenty (20) years of Dedicated and loyal service to the Huntington Community
111 First Aid Squad.

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113 **President Seth Fischer – Report Posted**

114 Good Evening Members and thank you for joining our September GMM.

115 We are in the process of putting together a mandate for vaccinations at the squad. We are doing
116 this for the safety of our members and employees. We expect to have the policy adopted within
117 the next few weeks. We are “considering” all exemptions. Please note that this is still a work in
118 progress and we have still not made a final decision as to all components. Implementation of this
119 policy is exceptionally complex as it is a very rapidly changing landscape on the state and federal
120 level. We have to make sure we are in compliance as there are a great deal of internal details
121 that have to be worked out so it is as complete as possible with all the different rules and
122 regulations. Until such time as the policy has been drafted my responses to any questions may
123 be general but I will do my best to be as transparent as possible to our members. In terms of
124 timing it is ASAP, we are doing everything to get this done quickly. We will have more
125 information as it develops.

126 We are doing exceptionally well and it brings me great pride and joy to see us operating on all
127 cylinders. We are in a great place and the road to success is ahead.

128 **Here are some friendly reminders:**

- 129 1. Please try to gather as much insurance information as you can from your patients. If you
130 have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your Day Captains.

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2. Please get caught up on ALL your review trainings to date.
3. Please take note of where you are with your hours to date. The end of the year is rapidly approaching.
4. School is back in session, please drive carefully.
5. Masks must still be worn in the building at ALL times.
6. Masks must still be worn on ALL calls at ALL times.

In closing, 9/11 is upon us again. Some of you were directly affected and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Please remember the victims and the first responders who passed away that day as well as the many that are still impacted. We must never forget the families and friends left behind. Let us also pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces who have lost their lives protecting our freedom. May God Bless them and God Bless America!

Thank you.

Secretary's Report – Robert Franz – Secretary

The August 9, 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted will be presented for approval at the October meeting due to a lack of a quorum this evening.

Since the August meeting, we received thank you letters and cards for: Scholarship – Evan Bourke. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report – Roger Winter – Report Posted

Treasurer's Expense Report August 9th – September 3rd, 2021

6000	EMS	\$ 10,564.56
6100	Vehicles	\$ 10,760.90
6200	Building	\$ 8,292.38
6300	Utilities	\$ 9,777.90
6400	Communications	\$ 4,531.34
6700	Office	\$ 2,751.42
6800	Uniforms	\$ 141.65
7000	Training	\$ 96.00
7300	Subsistence	\$ 3,136.93
8000	Other Expenses	\$ 836.98
		\$ 50,890.06

Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Tropical Storms: Thank you to everyone who helped out during Storms Henri and Ida. We had approximately 60 members active for these events with many doing multiple shifts. Captains Casey

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O’Riordan, Jacob Levinsky and Colin Weigele were critical to staffing these events. The Wednesday overnight crews ran around dodging flooded roadways, answering calls and helping stranded motorists. All calls were covered during these storms. Thank you to Robert Franz for mopping up the rainwater from the upstairs hallway. A complete list of active members is attached below.

Greenlawn Parade: Thank you to those who attended the work detail and the parade. Explorer Post 215 won an award for “**Best Appearing Juniors**”.

9/11 Memorials: Thank you to Bob Franz, James Kelly, Chief William Connolly, Ex Chief Michael Como, Shannon Gore, Ex Chief Roger Winter, Ex Chief Andrea Golinsky, Laurent Jeanty, Carol Nucci and Grant Werner for joining me at these events.

New Paramedics:

We had three new paramedics start over the past couple of weeks and Cono Cimino will also be returning. Please do your best to make them feel welcome.

Fall Festival: Columbus Day Weekend October 8-11. We will need help with standbys. Sign up sheets will be posted in the ready room. This will be a bike team and Post 215 event.

Hours: We are nearing the end of the quarter. You must have 48 hours by the end of the quarter. This has not changed. Company 8 members must Do four hours per week or 8 hours every other week. Deviation from this requirement will result in loss of Company 8 status. Take this time to also check LOSAP and Gift Card eligibility.

Standbys: Please sign up for standbys! This weekend is the Cow Harbor Race. Thank you to bike team for providing two teams already.

Holiday Parade: There will be a holiday parade the Saturday after Thanksgiving, 11/27/21 so save that date on your calendars.

EMS Memorial: September 30th in Albany, New York.

Back up calls: Many of our Student members went back to school, so please watch for signal 3s in Bryx, and/or keep your pagers on especially for the next two months. Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto does have a few pagers available for EMT’s or Drivers who live in or near the district.

3 on a 16 Raffle Winners:

Steven Zeth and Evyatar Baer

Length of Service Award:

1349	Steeven Jean	9/8/2011	10 Years
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Tropical Storm Henri:

Melissa Anastos, Alyssa Axelrod, James Barkocy, Alex Bayer, Sierra Beck, Kathi Bonessi, Eileen Burns, William Burton, Jacqueline Callinan, Michael Capotosto, Sharyn Cullen-Kutcher,

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Jeffrey Daniels, Jacqueline de Bruin, Mary DeWan, Brett Dowler, Nerissa Edwards, Robert J. Franz, Alexander Hastava, Kathy Hayes, David Kaufman, Nicole, Kilada, Christian Lenio, Jacob Levinsky, Marissa Lindner, Esteban Lopez, Michael Mahoney, Leyda Mata, Felix R. Medina, Susanna Otto, Matthew Philip, Lily Popalawski, Sheryl Roach, Kevin Solano, Lauren Stalzer, John Stevens, Diane Tanko, Odaly Valasquez, Evelyn H. Veliz, Julia Vodopia, Bazeel Walters, Leslie Wissner and Elizabeth Wood.

Tropical Storm Ida:

Erica Alicea, Maria D. Aviles, Ori Baer, Kenney Cadet, Cynthia Cairl, Kathryn Donegan, Robert Franz, Vasken Kasandjian, Kevin McCann, Solange Rich, Jacqueline deBruin, Dominic Heavey, Brittany Martinez, Keith Rubenstein and Colin Weigele.

First Deputy Chief – Ryane Como – Absent - No Report

Second Deputy Chief – Dale Bartolomeo – Absent - Report Posted & given by 3rd Deputy Chief William Connolly

Happy September Everyone!!

The September Review Training on “EMS Response to School Incidents and “School Bus Accidents” has been posted on the HCFAS website. Thank you, Mark Brenner, for all your help.

Anyone who receives an updated EMT card or CPR, Etc... please leave me a copy in my mailbox so I can be updated in SCM.

Remember all PCR's must be completed and faxed within four (4) hours.

Anyone looking to take a CPR class please use this QR code below to register for an upcoming class.



I am currently working on putting a couple of in person trainings together. Watch out for emails with details.

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248 Anyone who needs to take an EMT-B Refresher Course there are multiple basic and refresher
249 courses posted downstairs.
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251 **Third Deputy Chief – William Connolly – Report Posted**

252 Dear Members,

253 I would like to congratulate Alex Bayer on completing his Eagle Scout project. Alex built a
254 work bench for the squad. The bench is located next to the maintenance closet in south bay 5.

255 Thank you for your hard work, Alex.

256 Please remember to complete driver and ambulance checkouts at the start of each shift. If you
257 have an accident or are involved in an incident while driving, please report this promptly.

258 As this year marks the 20th year of the horrifying tragedy of 9/11/01, remember to keep in your
259 thoughts those that perished in the attacks and the countless first responders who were on scene
260 who suffer from illnesses or who have died.

261 262 **Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto – Report Posted**

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264 **Dispatch Training:** Congratulations to our newest dispatchers, Melanie Rudas Gomez, Claudia
265 Villatoro, Bronwyn Kelly and Gregory Henninger.

266 Thank you to the dispatch training committee for getting our newest members through training
267 so quickly!

268 **Call Statistics:**

269 We closed out July with 531 total calls, transporting 84.7% of calls, a bit below our usual 85%.

270 August saw 507 total calls, transporting 81.3% of calls.

271 We have had 2 mutual aids in August, totaling 18 for the year. That's a 0.45% mutual aid YTD,
272 not bad. We have had people respond to the building as backup personnel 56 times this month.
273 Thank you everyone for listening up.

274 We do have a few pagers available for any Crewleaders or Drivers who are interested and live
275 in district – Speak to your Day Captains and we'll get you set up if interested.

276 277 **Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain Jacob Levinsky – Absent - Report Posted & given by 3rd** 278 **Deputy Chief William Connolly**

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280 Hello Everyone and Happy September!

281 I hope everyone is doing well.

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282 So far for the month of August, we have had no 24's.

283 I would like to thank everyone who has showed up to help out on Sundays and fill in spots
284 during the month of August. Some of those people include, Jackie deBruin, Brett Dowler,

285 Colin Weigele, Esteban Lopez, Kenny Cadet, Solomon Walden, Matthew Philip, Pamela
286 Brenner Davis, John Stevens, Leyda Mata and Andrew Taylor.

287 I would also like to say good luck to Esteban Lopez who is currently in Virginia.

288 Help is needed on the overnight (2300): Dispatcher and full crew is needed. If anyone is
289 available to help out, please let me know.

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292 **Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Paul Bayer – Absent - Report Posted and given by Day**
293 **Captain Colin Weigele**

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295 Hello HCFAS volunteers, from your Monday Captain! Here again with news from Company 2
296 for September 2021. With kids back in school and more traffic on the roads, please be careful in
297 your driving.

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299 Good luck to **Pedro Benitez** who will be taking his Dispatch Test, tomorrow night. We have
300 faith in your Pedro!

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302 A warm welcome to **Matt Filonuk** (#1654) who has been dispatch training with **Mary Brenner**
303 on the 1500 shift. He's looking forward to starting an EMT class in the fall and is anxious to get
304 on the ambulance soon.

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306 Also, a warm welcome goes out to **Victoria Schwartz** (#1659) (Ann's daughter) who will soon
307 be starting on the 1500 shift also. She's just become an EMT, so we're excited to have someone
308 to soon fill in that second due CL spot that's been open for too long.

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310 A Congratulations goes out to **Amina Sadiq** who just passed her EMT state written exam and
311 will be ACL'ing on the 1900 shift very soon.

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313 It's unfortunate, but we did have our first Signal 24 of the year earlier *today*. Although, right
314 after we needed mutual aid for a respiratory difficulty call and we were able to cover two more
315 immediately following with in house crews.

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317 Again, a big thank you to the long list of members who have helped out on Mondays in August
318 and September (especially today when I couldn't be in)! **Betty Wood, Casey McCormack,**
319 **Jackie deBruin, Alex Hastava, Nicki Campbell, Tim Quigley, Greg Orr, Josh Abraham,**
320 **Annette Hershkowitz, Brett Dowler, Marissa Lindner, Jeff O'Neill, Kelly Murphy and**
321 **Colin Weigele** - a big thank you to you all!

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323 Of course, no Captain's report is complete without a pleading for help! We need a second due

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CL on the 0700 shift, a full second due crew on both the 1100 and 1500 shifts, as well as a first and second full crew on the overnight. We also need ALS on most shifts. If you're looking to fulfill your hours on a great day with great people please give me a call and let me know when is good for you!

Thanks for all that you do!

Company 3 - Tuesday Day Captain Elizabeth Mohr - Absent - Report Posted and given by Day Captain Colin Weigele

I am Sorry that I am unable to attend tonight's GMM due to work.

I would like to first off thank everyone for all of the help they have provided on Tuesdays. Congratulations to Brittany who passed her dispatching test and to Steven who started ACL'ing.

Welcome to our new member Jerry on the Tuesday 1500 Shift!

Please remember to stay up to date on all review trainings and do your checkouts.

Thank you.

Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Eric Nazinitsky – Absent - Report Posted and given by Day Captain Colin Weigele

Hello Everyone!

I'd like to start by welcoming two new members to Wednesdays! Salvatore Esposito will be joining the 0700 shift and Alyssa Wohl will be on the 1100 shift!

As always, Wednesdays are as busy as ever and can use help on the following shifts:

0700 - 2nd due CL
1100 - 1st and 2nd CL
1500 -ALS

Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Colin Weigele – Report Posted

Hello again everyone!

Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone on Thursdays for all of their help this month

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I'd also like to wish good luck to everyone who is going back to school this month!

Congratulations to Claudia Villatoro #1647 on passing her dispatching exam! Claudia passed her test this past month and has started First Aiding on the overnight!

Good luck to Eric Bantz #1638 and Selena Ortiz #1632 who both began ACL'ing this past month!

As always, some help is still needed on Thursdays:

A Driver is needed on the 1500 and 2300

A Crew leader is needed on the 1100, 1500 and 1900

A Dispatcher is needed on the 1900!

If anyone is able to help please let me know!

Again, thank you for all your help and amazing work.

Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Kathleen Castillo – Absent - Report Posted

I want to thank everyone for all their help on Fridays. I am always amazed how dedicated our members are.

This year has been very challenging for me, but I am grateful for all the love and support I get from my squad family.

Both of my parents are declining rapidly with health issues and I was dealing with some personal issues as well. We now have full time help with my parents and I can now focus on my other responsibilities.

Friday is always in need of the following: 1100 shift - 2nd due driver, 1500 shift - 2nd due CL, 2300 shift - Dispatcher and 2nd due crew.

If you are available, please let me know 631-637-1881.

Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Casey O'Riordan – Absent - Report Posted and given by Day Captain Colin Weigele

Dear Membership,

I want to thank everyone again this month for all their help on Saturdays.

We've had some very busy days these past few weeks and the calls couldn't have been covered without you guys.

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I would also like to wish all members who went back to school this month good luck and I know you'll all do great!

Saturdays do need some help. We need 2 Crew Leaders for the 0700 and 1100 shifts as well as 2 full Crews for the 2300 shift. Anyone available to help would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

Renaissance Downtown - Andrea Golinsky

I, Roger Winter and Bob Franz met with Senator Gaughran, Senator's Chief of Staff Kevin Clemency and Assemblyman Stern on August 19, 2021.

The meeting took place at HCFAS HQ. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the need for dedicated parking for HCFAS personnel when Renaissance Downtown (RD) the master builder completes the construction in the commuter parking lot east of our building. It was stressed that our call volume has increased, our membership has grown and the need for parking for our volunteers is of main concern if RD proceeds with their plans. It was pointed out to Senator Gaughran and Assemblyman Stern that the plans initially put forth by RD have changed and at this time we don't know what type of building or business RD will construct next to us.

It was made clear to us that the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) can go forward with the sale to the Town of Huntington (TOH) without the approval of the Legislature however, the sale must be made at fair market value. The TOH is not obligated to pass that purchase price on to Renaissance Downtown and can in fact sell it to them at a lower price. The delay at this time is that Renaissance Downtown wants the DOT to use the price placed on the property two years ago, but the property has increased in value. Both Legislators stated the TOH should come into agreement with RD to accommodate HCFAS. Both of our Legislators stated that they will go back to counsel to see what can be done. They also said they could write a letter to the DOT to try to change the law,(see below) that would not be begin to happen until 2022.

In June of 2018 law number A 11021 sponsored by Senator Marcellino and Assembly Steve Stern was passed that stated parking lot land was to be sold at fair market value, 100% of commuter parking was to be preserved in a "suitable location" upon such terms and conditions that the State Commissioner of Transportation may fix. There is a five-year time table that RD has to put shovel in the ground. That 5 years expires in 2023.

Both Legislators promised to keep us informed of any movement or action regarding this project.

LOSAP 2020 Benefit Statements - Bob Franz

The December 31, 2020 LOSAP benefit statements have been received and were distributed to all participants in your member mail folder or by the USPS. 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 website or server.

Please make sure your legal name and address are correct.

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Many thanks go to Mary Brenner, Martha Brenner and Christy Stiles for their assistance with the statement distribution. If you have any other questions, please contact Bob Franz at email (robo4200@hotmail.com).

SC Recruitment Committee – The Suffolk Educational program for Retention in the Voluntary Emergency Service (SERVES) - (DEADLINE 10/1/21) - Bob Franz

The 2019 SERVES Administrative Guide is posted on the bulletin board. Highlights of the SERVES program follow.

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

- SERVES provides student-volunteers who attend **any NYS DOE college or university located within Suffolk County** with a reimbursement based upon tuition costs at Suffolk County Community College- i.e. as of June 2019 the maximum payment for a 12 plus credit schedule (full-time status) with a GPA of 3.75 to 4.00 or an “A” would be \$2,735.

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

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

- **The Deadline for application and documentation submission for the Fall Semester is October 1, 2021.** Applications shall be date stamped upon receipt and the earliest dated applications shall be reviewed first as SERVES funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first served basis.

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

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

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

LOSAP 2021 Points – Bob Franz

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Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

Reminder to review and update your beneficiary(s) especially if you went through any life changes, such as marriages, divorce, death or birth of loved ones.

Members wishing to check their designated beneficiary(s) on their Group Term Life Insurance Certificate or on their VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy please drop a note in the Secretary's mail box or the insurance committee mail box or email Bob Franz (robo4200@hotmail.com). Eligible members under the squad's group term life insurance program are generally covered for \$50,000 (lower amounts if over 69 years of age).

All active members are covered under the VFIS Accident & Sickness policy while on duty; the death benefit is \$250,000.

Your beneficiary(s) under the LOSAP program was indicated on your 2020 LOSAP benefit statement which was distributed to you at the end of August.

VFIS Combined Insurance Group Term Life Insurance Certificate – Bob Franz

As a participant, you are entitled to receive a Certificate of Insurance. All eligible non-probationary members participants in the HCFAS Group Term Life Insurance Program (Program) were emailed a VFIS Combined Insurance Group Term Life Insurance Certificate in August. The certificate shows your benefit amount, and terms & conditions of your coverage under the program. Also emailed were the Program guidelines.

REMSCO Meeting – Tomorrow evening 9/14/21 at 7:00 PM in Yaphank.

District 7 Meeting – Next meeting will be on Tuesday, 9/21/21 at 7:30 PM at Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance.

SCACA Meeting – Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 9/15/21 at 7:00 PM at Exchange Ambulance of the Islips.

Legislation - S1091A Gaughran / A2239-A Stern (signed into law by Governor Cuomo) – Amends FF SAP DC & DBP to allow up to an additional 10 years to a maximum of 50 years that a participant may receive a contribution. Carol Nucci spoke to their respective offices and they will introduce a bill in the 2022 legislative session to extend the VAW SAP's up to 50 years.

EMS Memorial Albany – Ceremony will be held in Albany on Thursday 9/30/21. 17 names will be going on the memorial this year. Having it in September will allow more family members and others to attend.

EMS Exposition 2021 - Hatzalah Volunteer Ambulance Services is planning an EMS Exposition on October 24 & 25, 2021 at the Brooklyn Expo Center at 70 Noble Street, Brooklyn, NY.

Fire & EMS Mega Show 2022 – According to an article in the First Responder Newspaper, a future Fire & EMS show will be done by a collaboration of NYSAFC and the Islip Fire Museum although First Responder has a full-page ad of LI Productions for a February Show.

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

Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner – Total Donations received are \$91,106.22. The third Wave will be going out by the end of September.

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

QA/QI Committee – Fiona Witkowski – As you all know, the Patient Care Record is a legal document and *all* the providers need to be listed, whether or not they treated the patient. It is very important that an ALS provider who looked at the patient and decided that no ALS interventions were necessary is still listed under personnel. Remember to check the “ALS assessment” in the flow chart.

An example from a BLS PCR: Delta call for a 67-year-old male in a nursing home:
ALS provider determined no ALS interventions were necessary and transferred care to BLS. Patient was transported to hospital without further incident. En route, hospital was given a possible sepsis notification.

Uniform Committee – Maxine Epstein – Report Submitted by Board Liaison Director Carol Nucci

Reorganization of the dress and duty uniform committees are under way. Several people have stepped forward to volunteer their time, if anyone else is interested please drop a note in my mailbox. I am looking for members to work on the dress (Class A) committee. At this time, we completed an inventory of the duty uniforms in stock and will order needed items. If you need shirts or pants for duty, use Form #118 and place it in my box.

Longevity Awards – Andrea Golinsky – Submitted by Director Carol Nucci

When contacted by Andrea Golinsky regarding your longevity award, please respond and get the process underway. We would love to celebrate your achievement in a timely manner.

Closing

Has everyone fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committees; Special thanks to Lisa Mohr, Robert Biersack, Carol Nucci, Christy Stiles, Greg Orr and Claire Tesoriero.

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New Business: None

Old Business: None

Raffles - Various Gifts:

\$25 Applebee's Gift Card – James Kelly

\$25 Chipotle Gift Card – Christy Stiles

\$25 Lowe's Gift Card – Gregory Orr

\$10 Subway Gift Card – Andrea Golinsky

Bottle of Red Wine – Sheryl Roach

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 42, Probationary 5, Total: 47

Motion made by Seth Fischer and seconded by Roger Winter to adjourn the Informational General Membership meeting at 2015 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: September 30, 2021

Approved: October 11, 2021

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2021 General Membership Meeting
Date: October 11, 2021

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Michael Como	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Roger Winter	PRESENT
Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	PRESENT
Carol Nucci	PRESENT
Fiona Witkowski	PRESENT
Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Ryane Como	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Dale Bartolomeo	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief William Connolly	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Jacob Levinsky	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Paul Bayer	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Eric Nazinitsky	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Colin Weigele	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Casey O'Riordan	ABSENT

Prior to the meeting Flu Shots were available for all members and Winter Coat Measurement and Orders were taken for eligible members.

Meeting called to order at 19:36 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Seth Fischer that the required quorum of 50 members are present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 57).

Members in Attendance: 67

Pledge of Allegiance Lead by Richard Gierbolini - President Seth Fischer asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for all departed HCFAS members and for all of those who serve in the armed services to America.

Presidents Report - Seth Fischer

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

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Get Well Wishes, Congratulations and Prayers:

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Associate Member Shirley Newton Member #370. Our thoughts and prayers are with Shirley and her family.

Our Thoughts and prayers are with Ona Mastroianni on the passing of her husband Anthony Mastroianni.

Get Well Wishes and a speedy recovery to Christine Roulo, calls and texts are welcome.

Get Well Wishes and a speedy recovery to Elizabeth Steenson, calls and texts are welcome.

Get Well Wishes and a speedy recovery to Ex-Chief Bill Billups, calls and texts are welcome.

Congratulations to Tom O'Leary, as his son was married over the weekend!!

A Motion was made by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Roger Winter to change the order of the meeting for a presentation of NYSVARA Pulse Check Awards to two members and Post 215 member Alexander Bayer who was on Paul's phone for his presentation. The awards were presented by **James Downey**, NYSVARA District 4 Director (covers the 5 boroughs of NYC), Editor of the Pulse Newsletter (including meeting notes of the COVID-19 weekly and bi-weekly NYS DOH Bureau of EMS Briefing for EMS Leadership and Providers) and Co-Editor of the Blanket Newsletter.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Jim read each nomination submission and presented the plaques to the Award Winners.

Communications Specialist of the year:	Michael Barker
Meritorious Award of the year:	Dale Bartolomeo
Youth Squad Member of the year:	Alexander Bayer
Youth Squad Agency of the year:	HCFAS Youth Squad Post 215

President Seth Fischer – Report Posted (continued)

Good Evening,
Hope everyone is well.

A million thanks to everyone as we enter the fourth quarter of 2021. We have all been working our tails off to ensure that we have been the best of the best this year. We should all be very proud of where we are today so, let us all finish this year stronger than ever.

As I have mentioned previously, now is the time to check your shifts/hours. We also need everyone to be current with his or her Review Trainings as well. These are very important and must be fulfilled as soon as possible.

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We have seen wonderful improvements with the PCR narratives and we applaud your additional efforts. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We thank everyone for their support. Without your hard work and dedication, we would not be where we are today. Be well and take care.

Just some quick items to discuss:

1. Please understand that posting a vacancy to fill a shift on Facebook is not acceptable. If you are not going to make your shift, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.
2. I have asked our Day Captains to find and post coverage of another Captain if they are not available to come in for their shifts. These should be posted, and communicated to our Dispatchers throughout the day.
3. New Toughbook's have been ordered. Thank you to all involved with this process.
4. Great job at the Fair at Hechsher Park this weekend. There was a great deal of planning and hard work, and it went very smoothly.
5. The Uniform Committee is now going to be run by Carol Nucci, Nancy Barker, Tom Lemp, Martha Brenner, Eileen Burns, and Sheryl Roach. Thank you, Maxine Epstein, for doing a wonderful job over the years, it was greatly appreciated.
6. PCR narratives have improved, and we are very happy with the results thus far
7. Please continue to monitor your hours/shifts for the remainder of the year.
8. Vaccine....

Thank you and keep up the great work!!!

Secretary's Report – Robert Franz – Secretary

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Fiona Witkowski to approve the August 9, 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Martha Brenner to approve the September 13, 2021 Informational General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Since the September meeting, we received thank you letters and cards for: Services Rendered: Frederick Uvena for assisting his mother; Greenlawn FD Chief for their annual fair standby, Northport VFD for the Cow Harbor Day race, Michael Brown of Old Navy retail store for Fiona and Alex's help with their Safety Drive; Good & Welfare: Member William Cohn for our support and sympathy on the passing of his mother and SHPL Young Adults numerous thank you cards and goodie bags for our members. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

Recognition:

On Saturday, 9/12/21, Suffolk REMSCO recognized Keith Rubenstein with a CPR Save Award while he was performing duties with the West Islip Fire Department.

Treasurer's Report – Roger Winter – Report Posted

Treasurer's Expense Report

September 4, 2021 - October 6, 2021

6000	EMS	\$ 4,711.88
6100	Vehicles	\$ 10,279.53
6200	Building	\$ 30,025.97
6300	Utilities	\$ 9,966.53
6400	Communications	\$ 4,056.35
6700	Office	\$ 2,819.94
6800	Uniforms	\$ 539.10
7000	Training	\$ 97.00
7100	Public Relations	\$ 163.85
7300	Subsistence	\$ 3,938.01
8000	Other Expenses	\$ 2,923.81
		\$ 69,521.97

Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Good Evening Members,

I would like to start off by thanking all the members who have helped at standbys recently. With all kinds of events going on we've had so many recently - football games, 5K's, 10k's and the Huntington Fall festival.

The Fall festival was a tremendous undertaking. I would like to thank Ryane Como for being the Emergency Management coordinator, the Deputy Chiefs for handling commands at various times and all the members who helped by filling shifts. It was amazing to see both long time members and new members working together to help our Community. Ryane and I would like to give a special thanks to Ex-Chief Dominic Heavey and Liz Wuestman for helping us prepare.

As you all know we had a number of vehicles out of service, but thanks to the coordination of Chief Connolly and our captains we covered all Festival Shifts, all our calls and all our standbys.

We had Greenlawn, Dix Hills, Cold Spring Harbor, Eaton's Neck, CVAC, Melville and Halesite all working alongside us with two patients transported by our outside agencies. We appreciate their support so make sure to be friendly and helpful at the hospital and on calls.

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At the last board meeting we got new laptops approved and I hope to have those up and running in the next couple months. We also got another order of reflective vinyl vehicle stickers approved.

We will be participating in the Holiday Parade again this year with Danny Mugavero leading our float construction. The theme is red, white and blue. The parade will be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving which is on November 27th.

Thank you to Bob Franz and Dominic Heavey for joining me at the Albany EMS memorial dedication and to Carol Nucci and Sue Otto for joining me at the Town of Huntington World War II Memorial Dedication where we also had an ambulance standing by.

I would like to recognize Keith Rubenstein who received a REMSCO CPR SAVE Award while he was performing duties with the West Islip Fire Department. He was presented the Award at the 9/18/21 meeting.

We have two 3 on a 16 gift card recipients. You may have noticed a larger number of pages recently with some of our members on leaves. The recruitment and membership committees have been working hard to fill any gaps, but any assistance you can provide by answering up is very critical.

To be drawn

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Length of Service Awards:

Member #1494 - John Mancino - 5 Years

Member #1168 - Donna Gurtowski - 15 years

In closing, I am very proud of everyone's recent activity. Your dedication and hard work is what makes HCFAS so successful and such a great place.

First Deputy Chief – Ryane Como – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Chief David Kaufman

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Fall Festival this weekend. The event ran smoothly even with Suffolk EMS showing up to check the rigs first thing on Saturday. Thank you to everyone that helped with checkouts as we had no issues with our equipment or rigs passing inspection. Special thanks to Dominic Heavy, Liz Wuestman and Casey Orr for their help and guidance in preparing for and running the event. Thank you to Fiona Witkowski for contacting members to fill our crew spots. Thank you to Kenney Cadet who was there both days and helped with anything the Chiefs needed. Despite the rain on Sunday, I think everyone had a good time!

We have a lot of Standbys coming up. These are a great way to make up hours or gain LOSAP points as we near the end of the year. Be on the lookout for emails and let me know if you can help out.

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We are in the final quarter of the year. **Everyone needs 48 hours per quarter.** Please remember to finger in and out on the same shift. If you are going to miss a shift, plan to make up the hours by coming in early and staying late or doing another shift entirely. Please review and submit any finger read adjustment forms ASAP.

Company 8 Members: Please remember that you must be completing one (4) hour shift a week or an (8) hour overnight every other week. If you commit to filling in a time slot with a Captain and then cannot come in, you must find coverage. If you deviate from the weekly or biweekly shifts, you must reach out to me to provide an explanation. Anyone grossly deviating from the schedule is subject to be removed from Company 8.

To qualify for the end of the year gift card, you need 36 shifts by December 1st. Shifts only count if they are the full 4 or 8 hours. Gift card season is rapidly approaching. Please talk to your Day Captain or send me an email if you are unsure about your quarter hours or shift count to date.

Please continue to wear masks in the building. All providers, regardless of vaccination status, should continue to wear N95 masks and eye protection on every call. Additional PPE should be donned at the provider's discretion based on patient presentation. All patients and anyone else riding in the ambulance must wear surgical masks. Providers and patients must be masked when entering the hospital. Please continue to take temperatures of all patients and document it in the vital signs. If a patient is confirmed or suspected to be COVID positive, please use the COVID-19 impressions in the narrative screen.

Thank you all for everything you do for HCFAS and our community. Please contact me if you need anything!

Second Deputy Chief – Dale Bartolomeo – Absent – Report Posted and given by Chief David Kaufman

Happy October Everyone!!

The October Review Training on “Situational Awareness and Scene Safety for EMS” has been posted on the HCFAS website. Thank you, Melissa Anastos, for all your help.

Remember all PCR's must be completed and faxed within four (4) hours.

Anyone looking to take a CPR class please use this QR code below to register for an upcoming class.



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Anyone who need to be cleared on BLS CPAP and Check & Inject, Captain Liz Mohr and Brian Canty will be setting up a class for Tuesday October 19th @ 7:30 PM in the GMM Room. Use the QR Code to sign up below.



Anyone who needs to take an EMT-B Refresher Course there are multiple basic and refresher courses posted downstairs.

Third Deputy Chief – William Connolly – Report Posted

I just want to emphasize some considerations when passing another vehicle:

1. Is the vehicle you are approaching aware you are closing in?

In most cases, the driver of the other vehicle notices your presence and reacts appropriately. However, there are other times when this is not the case and the other driver either makes a panicked reaction at the last second or continues traveling without notice.

2. Are there intersections, driveways, side roads, parking lots or other locations where a vehicle may be ready to turn into your path?

These are particularly dangerous if the intervening roadway is not visible to the approaching emergency vehicle. If you cannot account for these, passing another vehicle may be ill advised.

3. Is there enough room to make the pass safely?

Being able to make the pass safely and get back in the proper lane before encountering other vehicles coming in the opposite direction depends on the speed and handling characteristics of all the vehicles involved in the scenario. For example, a police patrol vehicle can make a pass and return to the correct lane in a shorter amount of time than an ambulance. The driver must know the capabilities of the vehicle he or she is operating and use his or her judgment and experience in these situations.

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Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto – Absent - Report Posted

Dispatch Training: Congratulations to our newest Dispatchers, Pedro Benitez-Flores, Alana Marino and Matthew Filonuk.

Thank you to the dispatch training committee for getting our newest members through training so quickly!

Call Statistics:

We closed out September with a total of 548 calls, transporting a total of 451 for 82.3% transports. Not too bad.

I need to re-tabulate mutual aids however, we are still well below 1%. We have had people respond to the building as backup personnel 29 times this month. Thank you everyone for listening up.

We do have a few pagers available for any Crew leaders or Drivers who are interested and live in district – Speak to your Day Captain and we'll get you set up if interested.

Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain Jacob Levinsky – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Paul Bayer

Hello Everyone and Happy October,

I hope everyone is doing well. So far for the month of September, we have had no 24's. I would like to thank everyone who has answered up, filled in any empty spots and for helping out in any and every way on Sundays.

I would also like to say congratulations to Sharyn Cullen, Member #318, who will have 48 years of service to HCFAS in 4 days as of October 15th.

Help is needed on the overnight (2300) Shift: A Full crew is needed. If anyone is available to help out, please let me know.

Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Paul Bayer – Report Posted

Hello HCFAS volunteers, from your Monday Day Captain!

Here again with news from Company 2 for October 2021. Remember that it's getting darker earlier in the evening. Please be aware of children on the streets and please drive carefully.

Congratulations to **Pedro Benitez** (#1644) and **Matt Filonuk** (#1654) who just passed their Dispatch Tests! Welcome to being First Aiders!

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Victoria Schwartz (#1659) (Anne's daughter) has been training with Mary Brenner on the 1500 shift. She's just become an EMT, so we're excited to have someone to soon fill in that second due CL spot that's been open for too long.

Rachel Burkert (#1662) will be starting to train on Thursday's 1100 shift, but will be assigned to the Monday 1100 shift once she's ready to ride. We're looking forward to having her join our team.

Again, a big thank you to the long list of members who have helped out on Mondays in September and October! **Betty Wood, Casey McCormack, Jackie deBruin, Alex Hastava, Nicki Campbell, Tim Quigley, Greg Orr, Josh Abraham, Carol Nucci, Brett Dowler, Dana Silverstein, Kenny Cadet, Brandon Eybergen, Esteban Lopez, Marissa Lindner, Kelly Murphy, Jeff O'Neill and Colin Weigele** - A big thank you to you all!

Of course, no Captain's report is complete without a pleading for help! We need a full second due crew on both the 1100 and 1500 shifts, as well as a first and second full crew on the overnight. We also need ALS on most shifts. If you're looking to fulfill your hours on a great day with great people – please give me a call and let me know when is good for you!

Thanks for all that you do!

Company 3 – Tuesday Day Captain Elizabeth Mohr – Absent – Report Posted and given by Captain Paul Bayer

I am Sorry that I am unable to attend tonight's General Membership meeting.

Thank you to everyone who has been helping out recently. This help does not go unnoticed.

Please remember to perform checkouts and be up to date on all your monthly Review Trainings.

Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Eric Nazinitsky – Absent - Report Posted and given by Captain Paul Bayer

Hi Everybody,

I'd like to welcome two new members to our Wednesday family, Salvatore Esposito on the 0700 shift and Alyssa Wohl on the 1100 shift!

As always, with the college students away at school the morning shifts are left with next to no Crew leaders!

That being said any Crew leaders that are able to come in on the 0700 and/or 1100 shift would be greatly appreciated!

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Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Colin Weigle – Absent - Report Posted and given by Captain Paul Bayer

Hello all!

I'd like to thank everyone on Thursdays for all the help we had this month

Welcome to Sebastian Pierre #1656 to the Thursday 1500. Sebastian began dispatching training earlier this month, and with the help of Martha Brenner #236, He already sounds like a natural!

As always, Some help is still needed on Thursdays

A driver is needed on the 1500 and 2300

A crew leader is needed on the 1100 ,1500 and 1900

A Driver is needed on the 1900!

If anyone is able to help please let me know!

Again, thank you for all your help and amazing work.

Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Kathleen Castillo – Absent – No Report

Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Casey O'Riordan – Absent - Report Posted and given by Captain Paul Bayer

HCFAS Membership,

I would like to start with welcoming new member Amina Abdullah to the Saturday 1100 shift! We look forward to having her with us.

I would also like to give a huge thank you to members Paul Bayer, Bob Biersack, Esteban Lopez, Evy Baer and Jake Levinsky as well as any other members who have helped out on Saturdays when needed. It is greatly appreciated.

We still need some help with crews on Saturday. The 0700 shift needs a second due Crew leader as well as the 1100 shift. The 2300 shift needs 2 full crews. If anyone can help out I would really appreciate it.

Thank you again to everyone for your continued help. Saturdays couldn't do it without you!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

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PULSECHECK 2021 - Andrea Golinsky

The 2021 PulseCheck annual conference was held October 2nd in Albany. Once again, this year the conference was held virtually. The speakers were very good and their topics were informative. The Memorial Service was tastefully presented with 7 of our members or former members remembered. The recipients of the Special Awards were announced. HCFAS members received two, Michael Barker for Communications Specialist of the Year and Dale Bartolomeo was selected for the Meritorious Award. Post 215 received two awards including Youth Squad Agency of the Year and Post member Alexander Bayer was named the Youth Squad Member of the Year. I would like to thank District 4 Director Jim Downey who attended Pulse Check and was kind enough to bring down the awards for our members.

The PulseCheck Committee is already working on PulseCheck 2022 and hopefully we will be able to go back to our in-person format.

I would like to thank the BOD for their continued support of the conference.

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444 **DISTRICT 7 – Andrea Golinsky**

445 At the last District 7 meeting elections were held and the following were sworn in

446 Robert Franz Chairman

447 Matt Phillips Vice-Chair

448 Tanya Rivers Secretary

449 Andrea Golinsky Treasurer

450 Ed Merchant Officer at Large

451 Andrea Golinsky Director

452 Our next District 7 meeting is a week from tomorrow at a location to be announced.

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454 **Renaissance Downtown – Andrea Golinsky** - There has been no further developments since
455 Bob, Roger and I met with Senator Jim Gaughran and Assemblyman Stern. The NYS DOT has
456 not taken any action on the transferal of the property next to us.

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

459 **Explorer Post 215 – Susanna Otto** – We currently have 39 members and the new members will
460 start Dispatch training soon. Thirty Post Members participated in the Festival and we had a great
461 time participating in the Huntington Fall Festival this past weekend. Additionally, the Post is
462 very honored to have been awarded the Youth Agency of the year during the pandemic.

463 **Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner** – Total Donations received to date are \$94,115.00.
464 Third Wave went out at the end of September and donations are slowly trickling in.

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

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468 **Special Events Committee – Brian Canty** – An e-mail will be going out shortly for attending
469 NY Islander and Boston Bruin hockey game on 12/16/21. Seating will be on a first come, first
470 deposit basis.

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472 **Closing**

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474 Has everyone fingered in?

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476 Thank you to those who have helped:

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478 **Social and Kitchen Committees:** Special thanks to Lisa Mohr, Robert Biersack, Carol Nucci,
479 Christy Stiles and Claire Tesoriero

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New Business:

Helicopter Training – On Sunday, October 24, 2021 at the Walt Whitman Mall or other location.

Clarification was requested regarding EMT renewal via CME – Do you have to be a riding member?

Tom Curry presented us with his employer's donation check for \$200 due to Tom winning a weight reduction competition at work.

Old Business: None

Various Raffles:

Bottle of Wine – James Kelly

Bottle of Wine – Tom Curry

Mum Plant – Nancy Barker

Mum Plant – Matthew Philip

Mum Plant – Paul Bayer

\$25 Target Gift Card – Danielle Raynor

\$25 PF Changs Gift Card – Tom O'Leary

\$15 Panera Gift Card– John Stevens

\$10 Subway Gift Card- Rich Gierbolini

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 58, Probationary 10, Total: 68

Motion made by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Annette Hershkowitz to adjourn the General Membership meeting at 2028 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: October 29, 2021

Approved: November 8, 2021

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2021 General Membership Meeting
Date: November 8, 2021

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Michael Como	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Roger Winter	PRESENT
Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	PRESENT
Carol Nucci	PRESENT
Fiona Witkowski	PRESENT
Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Dale Bartolomeo	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief William Connolly	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Jacob Levinsky	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Paul Bayer	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Eric Nazinitsky	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Colin Weigle	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Casey O'Riordan	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 19:40 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Seth Fischer that the required quorum of 50 members are present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 68).

Members in Attendance: 77

Before we say the Pledge of Allegiance, I would like to honor our Veterans. Anthony Cambareri, Michael Campanelli, Justin Chermak, Robert Franz, Richard Gierbolini, Thomas Lemp, Esteban Lopez, Dino Macharola, Douglas Mayer, David Mohr, Paul Kelly, Jeffrey O'Neil, George Reeder, Donald Roulo and Richard Rudolph. I would also like to honor Mary Brenner who worked tirelessly during the war for Sperry Gyroscope to support our Troops. A moment of silence for all HCFAS members, Americans in the Armed Services to America.

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Pledge of Allegiance Lead by Richard Gierbolini - President Seth Fischer asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for all departed HCFAS members and for all of those who serve in the armed services to America.

Presidents Report - Seth Fischer

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

Get Well Wishes, Congratulations and Prayers:

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Charter Member #3 Charles Martin. Charles was instrumental with helping to organize HCFAS in 1966. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Martin Family during this time.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Nancy O'Leary, sister of Tom O'Leary. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom and his family

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of George Frank May, Father of Kathy Castillo and Grandfather of Antonio and Vincent Castillo. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Get well wishes and a speedy recovery to William (Bill) Billups, calls and texts are welcome.

Get well wishes and a speedy recovery to David Mohr, calls and texts are welcome.

Congratulations to Felix Medina on his marriage to Victoria, this is very exciting news.

Congratulations to George Reeder on completing the New York City Marathon.

A Special thanks to Diane Tanko as always, for doing the Veterans Day Ad for HCFAS.

Motion to change order of business for Nominations and By-Law Amendment made by Roger Winter and seconded by Brian Canty.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Nominations – All Nominators will state their name and member number prior to the name of the member that they are nominating. Be advised that Article X, Section 6, states that “No individual may be nominated or place himself in candidacy for more than one Office”. The Nominator cannot be on probation.

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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 2021 Board of Directors and Operational Officers:

(in order selected by lot to be on ballot)

Board of Directors:

Robert Franz nominated by Roger Winter
Thomas Lemp nominated by Carol Nucci
Lehti Laas nominated by Richard Rudolph
Jeffrey Daniels nominated by Seth Fischer

Chief:

David Kaufman nominated by Ryane Como

1st Deputy Chief:

Kathryn Donegan nominated by William Connolly

2nd Deputy Chief:

Dale Bartolomeo nominated by Jacob Levinsky

3rd Deputy Chief:

William Connolly nominated by Roger Winter

Chief Dispatcher:

Michael Capotosto nominated by William Connolly

Day Captain: *

Dominic Heavey nominated by Emily Schaffert
James Kelly nominated by Paul Bayer
Danielle Raynor nominated by Sheryl Roach
Jacob Levinsky nominated by Colin Weigele
Nicole Campbell nominated by Elizabeth Wood
Colin Weigele nominated by William Connolly
Kathleen Castillo nominated by Israel Cortes
Bridgett Kennedy nominated by Richard Gierbolini
Joseph Savaglio nominated by Robert Biersack
Steven Benjamin nominated by Thomas Curry

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*- Secretary subsequent event notes:

-Subsequent to the November General Membership Meeting the following nominees for Day Captain declined their nomination:

- James Kelly and Danielle Raynor -declined prior to the ballot printing process and will not appear on the ballot.

- Nicole Campbell and Bridget Kennedy will appear on the ballot due to late decline notification and ballot printing was already in process.

Proposed By-Law Amendment #02-2021 read by President Seth Fischer due to the absence of David Mohr – Chairman of the By-Laws Committee

There will be a second Reading of this Amendment at the December meeting at which time it will be voted upon.

Proposed By-Law Amendment 02-2021

Proposal:

To reduce the age for membership from 18 years of age to 17 years of age.

Background/Justification:

NYS has reduce the age for EMT's from 18 to 17, accordingly, this will increase the pool of available members.

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

ARTICLE III

SECTION 2 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Applicants for first aid membership shall be at least 18 years of age.

Proposers:

Paul Bayer #1505_____

Ryane Como #1462_____

David Kaufman #1390_____

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President Fischer continued with the required order of business.

Longevity Awards: Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – The Chief will announce on his report (5-15 years).

40 Years of Service

Gail Glistner #640

45 Years of Service

Mary DeWan #436

Gail Glistner - Member #640 – Forty (40) Years of Service – Gail has been a Member of HCFAS since 11/02/1981. She has been a Life Member since 2002 and she served on the Thursday 1900 shift for several years. She was a Crew Leader and an EMT-CC. She served as Day Captain in 1992 and she also served as Second Deputy Chief in 1993. Gail has been on the Installation Dinner Committee, Membership Committee and the Uniform Committee. She also served on the QA/QI Committee from 2001 until 2007 and she served as the Pulse Editor from 1990 until 1991. Gail has been an Administrative member since February 2017. Thank You, Gail for your Forty (40) years of dedicated and loyal Service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

Mary DeWan - Member #436 – Forty-Five (45) Years of Service – Mary has been a Member of HCFAS since 11/01/1976. She has been a Life Member since 2002 and she currently rides on the Sunday 1500 to 1900 Shift. She has been a Crew Leader since 1979. Mary is very detailed with her paperwork and is an exemplary model for accuracy. She once assisted her Crew in the delivery of a baby. She has served on the QA/QI Committee and she is an Attorney. Lastly, Mary has had the distinction of riding with her long-time fellow crew member, Sharyn Cullen Kutcher for over 43 years. There probably is not another two members on the same crew for this length of time in the history of HCFAS. Thank You, Mary for your Forty-Five (45) years of dedicated and loyal service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

President Seth Fischer

Happy Veteran's Day

Thank you's were made to various members.

Vaccine - the BOD is in the process on creating an Infectious Disease Plan based in OSHA regulations.

Holiday's approaching, please let somebody know if you need mental health assistance.

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Contact the benevolent committee if you need financial assistance.

Secretary's Report – Robert Franz – Secretary

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Richard Gierbolini to approve the October 11, 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Since the October meeting, we received correspondence from inactive life member Donna Trainor wishing us a Happy Thanksgiving and notifying us of her new address upstate NY. Her card and letter are posted on the bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report – Roger Winter – Report Posted

TREASURER'S EXPENSE REPORT

October 7, 2021 - November 3, 2021

6000	EMS	\$	17,775.29
6100	Vehicles	\$	5,053.51
6200	Building	\$	12,056.23
6300	Utilities	\$	9,217.48
6400	Communications	\$	801.59
6600	Insurance	\$	65,216.00
6700	Office	\$	805.14
6800	Uniforms	\$	470.66
7000	Training	\$	1,337.01
7100	Public Relations	\$	130.00
7300	Subsistence	\$	1,077.36
8000	Other Expenses	\$	2,128.68
			\$ 116,068.95

Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted and Given by Ryane Como (Chief Kaufman left the meeting to attend firematic wake services for HCFAS co-founder & Charter member Charles Martin #3)

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The helicopter training at Mill Dam was well attended by both our members and neighboring departments. Deputy Chief Bartolomeo did an excellent job setting it up. We learned about proper use of the Suffolk Police Helicopter in traumatic injuries and about how to safely be around helicopters.

This past month we lost a 20 Year member, Shirley Newton, who many of our current Sunday members had been on shift with. I thank all those who came to support the family and represent the Squad.

This week we lost one of our founding members, Charles Martin #3. We have so much to thank from those early members who built the foundation on which the Squad was built.

The Huntington Holiday Parade will be held Saturday, November 27th at 5:00 PM. We will be lining up at 4:00 PM. Family members are welcome to walk in the parade with the Squad. This is a fun and festive event. Danny Mugavero will be coordinating float construction. He has done a wonderful job in the past and I'm excited to see what he comes up with for the theme "Patriotic Red, White and Blue." The parade and float building days will count as probationary events. We will be releasing a build schedule in the coming days.

We are approaching HCFAS elections. I strongly encourage anyone who is considering running for a position to do so. It is a rewarding experience where you will learn so much.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! Enjoy some well-deserved time with your families.

Length of Service Awards:

Member #1171 - Stephanie Caracciolo 11/16/2006 15 Years of Service

On Veteran's Day we thank all those who served their country and fellow Americans and we commend our many HCFAS members who have served in the armed forces.

First Deputy Chief – Ryane Como – Report Posted

Happy Fall everyone! I hope you are all enjoying the cooler weather and getting outside a lot before the snow comes.

Thank you to everyone that has covered standbys so far this year. We have a few more coming up, so please let me know if you can help out:

- The final Yaphank standby for Huntington FD is Sunday November 14th at 0900 hours. A full crew is needed.

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- The annual TOH Turkey Trot is Thursday November 25th starting at 0800 hours. A full crew is also needed.

We are in the final quarter of the year. Everyone needs 48 hours per quarter. Please remember to finger in and out on the same shift. If you are going to miss a shift, plan to make up the hours by coming in early and staying late or doing another shift entirely. Please review and submit any finger read adjustment forms ASAP.

To qualify for the end of the year gift card, you need 36 shifts by December 1st. Shifts only count if they are the full 4 or 8 hours. Please talk to your Day Captain or send me an email if you are unsure about your quarter hours or shift count to date.

Please continue to wear masks in the building. All providers, regardless of vaccination status, should continue to wear N-95 masks and eye protection on every call. Additional PPE should be donned at the provider's discretion based on patient presentation. All patients and anyone else riding in the ambulance must wear surgical masks. Providers and patients must be masked when entering the hospital. Please continue to take temperatures of all patients and document it in the vital signs. If a patient is confirmed or suspected COVID-19 positive, please use the COVID-19 impressions in the narrative screen.

Thank you all for everything that you do. Please contact me if you need anything!

Second Deputy Chief – Dale Bartolomeo – Absent – Report Posted

Happy November Everyone!

I apologize for not making tonight's meeting once again I am working.

This month's review training is on "Receiving Hospitals" for the first responder. Thank you Mark Brenner and Melissa Anastos for all the help throughout the year helping me put these trainings together.

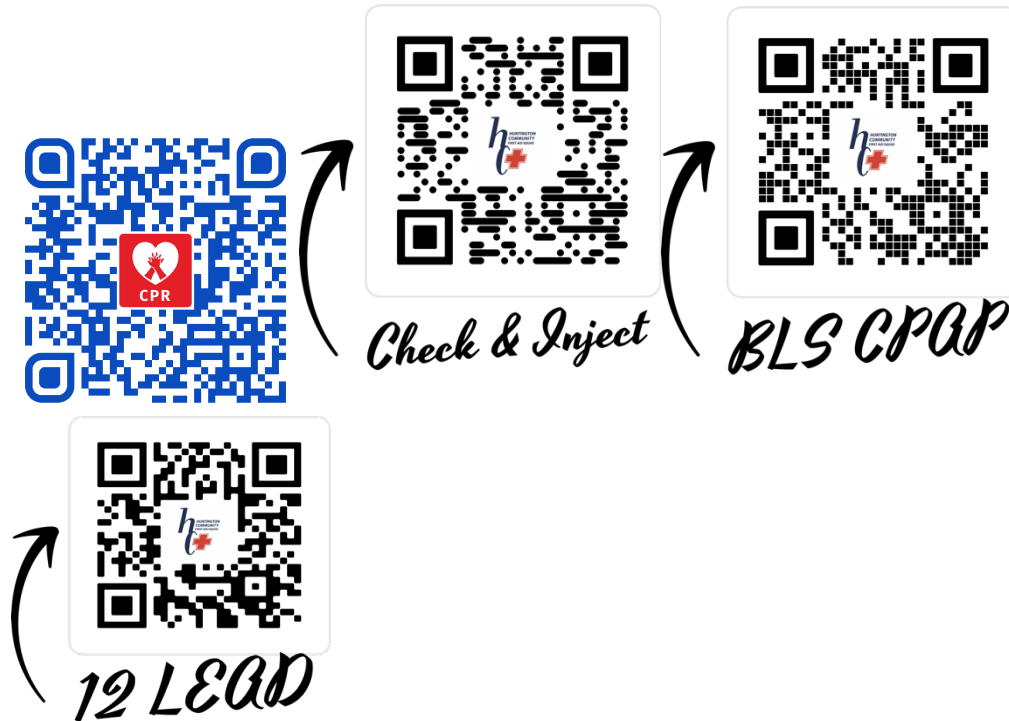
Please complete all monthly Review Training on a monthly basis.

Thank you to everyone who came and participated in the SCPD Helicopter/Medevac Usage Training! It was an outstanding turnout from HCFAS and some of the surrounding Departments. Very informative!

Please remember all PCR's must be completed and faxed within four hours.

Anyone looking to take an EMT Refresher or original course there are multiple postings in the ready room.

Anyone who needs to take a CPR, Check and Inject, BLS CPAP or 12 lead! Please use this QR code below to register for an upcoming class and I will try to coordinate as needed. You will also notice the QR codes posted down in the ready room and near dispatch.



Huntington Hospital Update:

Effective immediately, any patient that is in active labor or has an extramural delivery should be transported directly to the Mother/Baby Entrance at the hospital. Ambulances can access this entrance through the driveway just after the ED ambulance entrance on View Acre Drive. When entering the driveway, you will encounter a gate straight ahead. Access will be permitted by pressing the intercom button. Staff and/or Security stationed on the Mother/Baby Unit 24/7 will respond to the intercom and open the gate. If the intercom does not elicit a timely response the code for entry through the gate is 4321.

Crews should continue to communicate with the ED via radio transmission of the patient's transport. The ED will in turn notify Mother/Baby to anticipate your arrival.

ESO:

Captain / ESO Chair Jake Levinsky will just be touching up on a few things and answering any questions members may have about ESO / PCR.

Thank you everyone who has made this year a great success especially through this stressful time. It has been my honor to serve as the 2nd deputy for the last 6 months.

Please reach out if anyone has any questions. Have a great and enjoyable Holiday Season everyone!

Third Deputy Chief – William Connolly – Report Posted

Dear Members,

In light of recent events involving the squad, I want to bring awareness to driving through intersections.

The most common place where vehicles of all emergency disciplines are involved in a collision with another vehicle is intersections. Intersections are the most likely location for emergency vehicles to collide with other vehicles that are directly in their path of travel. The most common reason that emergency vehicles collide with civilian vehicles is drivers who fail to yield to the emergency vehicle.

When responding to a call, emergency vehicles are given the option of proceeding through a red traffic signal or stop sign (after coming to a complete stop) because of the perceived urgency of the event. Too often, emergency vehicles proceed through negative right-of-way without stopping and in some cases, barely slowing down. Yet, many calls do not require an urgent response. The differences between slowing the vehicle and rolling through an intersection versus coming to a complete stop at an intersection will probably only extend the response time by two to three seconds per intersection.

When the ambulance has two members riding in the front, the driver and a crew leader, both must work together to ensure safe passage through intersections.

Please be vigilant when approaching intersections and always stay safe.

Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto – Absent - Report Posted

Dispatch Training: Congratulations to our newest dispatchers, Victoria Schwartz and Sebastian Pierre!

Thank you to the dispatch training committee for getting our newest members through training so quickly!

Call Statistics:

We closed out October with a total of 496 calls, transporting a total of 406 for 81.8% transports. Not too bad.

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We've had 9 24's in October for a total of 32 (tentative), putting us at 0.62% for the year so far. We have had people respond to the building as backup personnel 43 times this month. Thank you everyone for listening up.

We do have a few pagers available for any Crew leaders or Drivers who are interested and live in the District – Speak to your day captain and we'll get you set up if interested.

Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain Jacob Levinsky – Report Posted

Hello Everyone and Happy November,

I hope everyone is doing well. So far for the month of October, we have had no 24's. I would like to thank everyone who has answered up, filled in any empty spots and overall helping out in any and every way on Sunday: Colin Weigele, Bob Biersack, Jackie deBruin, Kenny Cadet, Brett Dowler, Paul Bayer, John Stevens and anyone and everyone else. I would also like to extend my Congratulations to Mary DeWan, Member #436, who has completed 45 years of service on November 1st.

I would also like to thank everyone who has supported me as Sunday Captain so far this year. I would also like to thank Second Deputy Dale Bartolomeo who has both helped me as captain and provided a great starting point as Captain. So far, the year has been really good and I hope for this continued support in 2022.

Help is needed on the overnight (2300): A full crew is needed. If anyone is available to help out, please let me know.

Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Paul Bayer – Report Posted

Hello HCFAS volunteers from your Monday Captain!

Here again with news from Company 2 for November 2021. Please remember that since it's getting colder, please take extra care to remember to bring a blanket on the stretcher for our patients who may be more sensitive to the cold when being loaded into the ambulance. Also remember - that there are pre-warmed blankets inside the ED in a tall metal warmer by the linen cart. A warm blanket for a nervous patient can often be just what the doctor ordered.

Congratulations to **Victoria Schwartz** (#1659) for passing her dispatch test. I am not going to lie being trained by the inimitable Mary Brenner may have contributed to her success.

Congratulations to **Pedro Benitez** (#1644), **Matt Filonuk** (#1654) and **Victoria Schwartz** (#1659) who just passed their Ambulance Orientation! Welcome to being First Aiders!

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Rachel Burket (#1662) has begun training with Liz Beach on Thursday's 1100 shift, but will be assigned to the Monday 1100 shift once she's ready to ride. We're looking forward to having her join our team.

Thomas Reddy (#1664) has just joined us here this evening at his first GMM dinner before his shift starts at 2300! He's volunteered to ride on the Monday overnight which hasn't had a permanently assigned CL or Driver in 6 months. Thanks, so much Thomas, we look forward to having you join our overnight crew.

Again, a big thank you to the long list of members who have helped out on Mondays in October and November! **Betty Wood, Casey McCormack, Jackie deBruin, Carol Nucci, Seth Fischer, Brandon Eybergen, Fiona Witkowski, Bob Biersack, Will Burton, Marissa Lindner, Kelly Murphy, Jeffrey O'Neill** and **Colin Weigele**, A big thank you to you all!

Of course, no Captain's report is complete without a pleading for help! We need a full second due crew on both the 1100 and 1500 shifts as well as a first and second full crew on the overnight. We also need ALS on most shifts. If you're looking to fulfill your hours on a great day with great people, please give me a call and let me know when is good for you!

Thanks for all that you do!

Company 3 – Tuesday Day Captain Elizabeth Mohr – Report Posted

Thank you to everyone in the last year, I appreciate all of you and all the hard work and dedication.

Welcome to new member Sam on the Tuesday 1100 shift, we are looking forward to working closely with her.

Reminder to keep up to date on review trainings and shifts for the end of the year. Also, please remember to perform checkouts on every shift.

Good luck to everyone running next year!

Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Eric Nazinitsky – No Report

Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Colin Weigele

Hello all! Happy November!

I would like to thank everyone on Thursdays for all their great work this past month.

Congratulations to Sebastian Pierre #1656 on passing his dispatch exam! Sebastian has

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been training on the Thursday 1500 shift with Martha Brenner #236 and has flown through Dispatching and has began First Aiding and will soon be ACL'ing!

As always, Some help is still needed on Thursdays.

A driver is needed on the 1100, 1500 and 2300 Shifts

A crew leader is needed on the 1100,1500 and 1900 Shifts

If anyone is able to help please let me know!

Again, thank you for all your help and amazing work.

Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Kathleen Castillo – Absent – No Report

Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Casey O’Riordan – Report Posted

HCFAS Membership,

First, I’d like to thank everyone who continues to help out on Saturdays, it is greatly appreciated. Saturdays still needs some help.

A second due CL is needed for the 0700 and 1100 shifts and 2 full crews are needed for the 2300 shift. As always, any help is appreciated.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

Thank you!!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

LOSAP 2021 Points – Bob Franz

The 2021 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, 2021 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2021. Review Trainings should be completed on a monthly basis, please do not do more than a maximum of three review trainings in a single day.

It is recommended that each member have more than 50 points at December 31, 2021 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 2021.

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The LOSAP point listing is audited by the Town of Huntington. If you find any errors in your account, please report them to the LOSAP committee in writing.

The LOSAP committee puts incomplete LOSAP forms for your correction in a basket on the counter on top of the mail folders. Please check this basket.

By-Laws Article X Section 4 Absentee Ballots – Secretary Bob Franz

Absentee ballots for the General Election may be obtained upon request from the Secretary, subsequent to the November Meeting. The Secretary will provide a ballot and an envelope clearly marked "Absentee Ballot" on the front. All ballots must be placed in an unmarked envelope then placed in the official envelope, sealed and signed at the appropriate line on the back of the envelope over the seal. These ballots may be returned personally to the Secretary prior to the day of the election, or if mailed, postmarked no later than ten days before the December 13th meeting (December 3rd).

The Secretary shall secure all ballots and keep a log of all ballots received. On the day of the election, the Secretary shall place all sealed absentee ballots into the ballot box.

The vote auditors will verify that all absentee ballots were sealed and that the number in the box corresponds to the Secretary's log.

HCFAS members' email addresses for the purpose of sending the Candidates'

Qualifications – Secretary Bob Franz

The following motion was approved by the Board of Directors on 9/9/21:

Authorize and approve candidates for office in 2021 a single use of HCFAS members' email addresses for the purpose of sending the candidates' qualifications and other pertinent information to members to solicit their votes. Upon request of the candidates, James Mallilo will facilitate the transmittal of the candidates' emails to the membership.

There is a maximum of 3 emails sent a day (nominee for Board of Directors, Chiefs and Captain) and the last email will be sent on 12/10/21). Thank you, Jim, for taking this task on again. Send requests to candidate@hcfas.org.

Restrict Candidate Presence on Election Day

The following motion was approved by the Board of Directors on 9/9/21:

Prohibits any HCFAS member who currently holds a HCFAS elected position or a member who is a candidate for an elected position, to be in the HCFAS headquarters building at any time from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM on the day of election except for the purpose of being on a regularly scheduled shift, answering a back up call, acting in the position of the Monday Day Captain or as a Chief Officer or for casting a ballot. Any exceptions are to be authorized by the President or his designee.

Voting Times for Squad Annual Election December 13, 2021 – Secretary Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved the following voting times for the Annual Squad Election on Monday December 13, 2021 as follows: **0800 hours to 2000 hours.** (A suggestion for the

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547 Sunday overnight crew is to vote via an absentee ballot if you are not able to vote between these
548 hours).

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551 **DISTRICT 7/NYSVARA – Andrea Golinsky**

552 Next NYSVARA District 7 meeting is on November 16, 2021. All Squad members are invited to
553 attend since the Squad paid your NYSVARA dues.

554 NYSVARA sent a letter on 10/4/21 to Governor Hochul regarding a number of issues including
555 Medicaid reimbursement rates being below the cost of providing the service. The Governor was
556 to review a 2017 DOH Medicaid Rate Adequacy Study and take action to increase rates closer to
557 paying costs.

558 A bill (A1561C Santabarbara / S3503C Hinchey) which would authorize the DOH to establish
559 the NYS Rural Ambulance Services Task Force. The Task Force is to conduct a study on the
560 unique challenges faced by NY state ambulance services in rural areas. There is a proposed \$50
561 million-dollar rural ambulance stabilization fund to be included in the process. NYSVARA
562 urged the Governor to sign the bill into law.

563 A7366 Abbate / S7121 Brooks – Signed into law, Chapter 426, which designates Public Safety
564 Dispatchers, Emergency Responders, Emergency Operators, Emergency Complaint Operators
565 and Emergency Service Dispatchers as “First Responders in communications” and requires to the
566 extent practicable, that employers of such first responders provide training.

567 National Association of EMT’s and the American Ambulance Association jointly sent a letter to
568 the US Congressional leadership on an EMS workforce turnover survey that found an
569 extraordinarily high turnover on EMT-P’s and EMT’s. The letter asks Congress to help pay for
570 critical training and professional development programs and for funds for an EMT-P and EMT
571 pay bump, increase Medicare reimbursement and to hold hearings on the EMS workforce crisis.

572 Across from the Squad, the Columbia Terrace homes for Veteran’s lottery is open and will close
573 on 11/30/21 and the lottery will be held on 12/8/21. See the bulletin board by the copier across
574 from the dispatch office for more information.

575 I spoke to Assemblyman Steve Stern and SC Legislator Tom Donnelly on Sunday at the TOH
576 Veterans Ceremony concerning the transfer of the commuter parking land to the TOH for
577 eventual sale to Renaissance Downtown for development. It appears that this will not be moving
578 forward in 2021 and hopefully not in 2022.

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

582 **ESO Committee – Jacob Levinsky** – Hello everyone, on behalf of the ESO committee and as
583 the chair, I have a few announcements and reminders about ESO. First, please ensure that you
584 complete your PCR’s within 3 hours after your call closed time, whether it was a transport or
585 not.

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Next, all calls NEED a PCR, whether it was a transport, RMA, standby, or no patient or call cancelled. If there is a run number in our CAD it needs a PCR associated with it. There seems to be some confusion when it comes to calls when we don't make patient contact. If you arrived on scene and don't make any patient contact whether it was "No Patient" or "Call Cancelled", the correct disposition should be "Call Cancelled/No Patient Found", if you got cancelled prior to getting on scene therefore you don't have a signal 21 time such as for calls where we go on a signal 9 for VIP's, the disposition is "Cancelled (Prior to Arrival at Scene)". If you are on a standby whether it is for an event or a call you still need to have a PCR created and that disposition should be "Standby – No Service or Support Provided" if there was nothing done, or if care was given it should be "Standby – Public Safety, Fire or EMS Operational Support Provided". For all calls that there is no patient contact, please leave the "Patient Name" empty, don't put "Call Cancelled" or "No Patient Found" as the names or anything else. All the information that needs to be completed is under the incident tab and complete the narrative, nothing else.

Next, if you have a PCR that you imported the wrong CAD information for there is a way to fix it. If you click on the "CAD Import" button as if you are going to update the PCR with times you can click on the blue text that says, "Click Here" and that will allow you to select a different call from the CAD and it will fix it. If that doesn't work, you can always create a new record and import the correct call. If there are any calls that you did not mean to open please put in the name of the patient "Delete Me" so that we know that call is not meant to be there and delete it. If you cannot find you call from the CAD import you can always manually put in the information. The "Incident Number" is the run number for that call and it starts with the year then the run number, for example, "2021-004923". Next the "EMD Card Number" is just the priority code such as 26-A-1 and the "EMD Complaint" is also the priority code.

Next, very quickly, make sure you have the correct "EMD Complaint" selected on the PCR. The "EMD Complaint" is not your primary impression of the call or what you see is wrong with the patient it is the priority code that the calls come in as. For example, if the call comes in as 17-B-1, that is a fall, but if the patient is showing signs of respiratory difficulty the "EMD Complaint" is still "Fall". Please make sure you select the correct one and if you don't know what to click you can always look at Bryx to see what the call came in as or look at the printout.

Finally, make sure you sync all the PCR's on the Toughbooks. All calls, whether they are completed or they are accidental PCR's, have to be synced off of the Toughbooks. You are also able to sync calls that are not yours from the Toughbooks so, if you see someone else's PCR, please sync them too. If you synced a PCR you could also access it anywhere that has an internet browser, not just at the squad. If you go to esosuite.net and use the same login credentials as the Toughbook and put 'HCFAS' as the "Agency Code" you can access all of your PCR's, unlocked and locked.

Anyone with any other questions you can always ask me or Second Deputy Dale Bartolomeo.

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Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner – Total Donations received to date are \$100,831.00

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

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty – NY Islanders vs Boston – Thursday, December 16, 2021 Last chance to give me your deposits is tonight. We have plenty of \$51.00 seats left.

Children's Holiday Grab and Go is on Saturday, December 11th. Unfortunately, we will not be having a party but your children can take a picture with Santa and get a gift. Please use the QR code on the board in the back to sign you children up Cut off will be December 1st.

This year's Adult Holiday Cocktail Party will be Saturday, December 18th at 5:30 PM. The Board of Directors has decided that this shall be a member's only event due to the ongoing issues with COVID-19. Please use the QR code on the Announcement in the back to sign up.

Standby Committee – Julia Vodopia - The only standby coming up is Yaphank this upcoming Sunday, November 14th at 9:00 AM. I am in need of a full crew.

Closing

Has everyone fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committees: Special thanks to Lisa Mohr, Robert Biersack, Carol Nucci, Joanne Cunningham, Christy Stiles, Greg Orr and Angie Kalodukas.

New Business: Mary DeWan made a speech upon receiving her forty-five (45) year Service Award. She graciously thanked her fellow Crew members and various squad members for honoring her this evening. She also recalled and spoke of some of her fondest memories that she encountered during her many years of service.

Old Business: None

Various Raffles:

Bottle of Wine – Solomon Walden

Bottle of Wine – Robert Biersack

\$25 Target Gift Card – Michael Jacoby

\$25 Applebee's Gift Card – Elizabeth Wood

\$15 Panera Bread Gift Card – Richard Stone

\$10 Subway Gift Card – Diane Tanko

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 73, Probationary 11, Total: 84

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Motion made by Richard Stone and seconded by Richard Gierbolini to adjourn the
General Membership meeting at 2049 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: November 20, 2021

Approved: December 13, 2021

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2021 General Membership Meeting
Date: December 13, 2021

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Michael Como	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Roger Winter	PRESENT
Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	PRESENT
Carol Nucci	PRESENT
Fiona Witkowski	PRESENT
Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Dale Bartolomeo	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief William Connolly	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Jacob Levinsky	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Paul Bayer	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Eric Nazinitsky	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Colin Weigele	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Casey O’Riordan	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 19:44 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Seth Fischer that the required quorum of 50 members are present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 79).

Members in Attendance: 88

Pledge of Allegiance Lead by Richard Gierbolini - President Seth Fischer asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for all departed HCFAS members and for all of those who serve in the armed services to America.

Presidents Report - Seth Fischer

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

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Get Well Wishes and Prayers and Congratulations:

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Lawrence Silverman, father of Ex-Chief, and Past President and Life Member Drew Silverman #565. Our thoughts and prayers are with Drew and his family.

Get well wishes are being sent to Carolyn Mullen, phone calls and texts are welcome.

A Big Congratulations to Jeffrey and Tanya Brenner on the birth of their son Landon Brenner, born on November 17th at 11:17 weighing in at 7 lbs. 11 oz. The baby is beautiful and congrats as well to Grandparents Martha and Mark, Aunt Pamela, Uncle Keith, Uncle Kevin and of course to Great Grandma Mary Brenner. Best of Luck!!!

Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – Chief will announce on his/her report (5-15 years).

25 Years of Service

Kathi Bonessi #936

Kathi Bonessi – Twenty-five (25) Years of Service – Kathi is a Twenty (20) Year Exempt Member. She is a Permanent Dispatcher on the Sunday 0700 Shift. She has served on the Good and Welfare Committee since 2011 and she has been the Co- Chair since 2016. Kathi has also served on the Dispatch Training Committee since 2000. She was Chief Dispatcher in 2000 and 2001 and she has been a Post 215 Advisor since the inception of the Post. Many Congratulations and thank you Kathi on your twenty-five (25) years of dedicated service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

Proposed By-Laws Amendment – Secretary Bob Franz

Proposed By-Laws Amendment 02-2021 was read at the November 8, 2021 General Membership meeting and will be read and discussed at tonight's General Membership meeting and voted on.

Proposed: To reduce the age for membership from 18 years of age to 17 years of age.

Motion to change order of business for the second reading of the proposed by-laws amendment made by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Jacob Levinsky - Motion Approved Unanimously

Proposed By-Law Change 02-2021

Proposal:

To reduce the age for membership from 18 years of age to 17 years of age.

Background/Justification:

NYS has reduce the age for EMT's from 18 to 17, accordingly, this will increase the pool of available members.

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

ARTICLE III

SECTION 2 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Applicants for first aid membership shall be at least 18 years of age.

Proposers

Paul Bayer #1505

Ryane Como #1462

David Kaufman #1390

Readings

First Reading Date: November 8, 2021

Second Reading Date: December 13, 2021

Vote

Yes: Motion Withdrawn

No:

Secretary Signature:

Date:

Discussions were held regarding the above Proposed By-Law Change #02-2021 motion. Some members were in favor and some were opposed. It was suggested by President Fischer that the Proposal be withdrawn and introduced at a future date. Therefore, Proposal By-Law Change #02-2021 was officially withdrawn by presenter and proposer Captain Paul Bayer.

President Seth Fischer – Verbal Report

Hello Members,

HAPPY DECEMBER!!

I have worked tirelessly as your President to ensure nothing but the best for our members and the Community for which we serve. It is with great pride and respect and I sincerely thank our members for their support, commitment and dedication to HCFAS.

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I owe tremendous thanks to this dedicated group that I have had the privilege of working with over the years. Their thankless efforts ensured that we were always able to move the needle towards progress and great success. I thank them for all they have done for our great agency.

I thank all of our Operational Officers as well for their hard work over the years, it is greatly appreciated! They got us through a very difficult and dark time early on with the COVID-19 pandemic and for that I am grateful.

I thank you all for your efforts. I wish nothing but success for our incoming Board and the Operational Officers. Both sides of the house are working towards the same goals.

I want to thank Susanna Otto for all of her great work and dedication with Explorer Post 215. I would like to thank Lisa Mohr, Robert Biersack Angie Kalodukas, Greg Orr, Christy Stiles, Claire Tesoriero and Mary Jane Woznick for the delicious dinner that they prepared this evening and for all the delicious dinners that they prepared over the past year.

Thank you to Roger Winter having the handicap handrail installed in the Dispatch Office bathroom.

Finally, I would like to thank Bob Biersack for replacing all the ceiling tiles in the Dispatch Office bathroom.

Be well, stay safe and THANK YOU, ALL!

Secretary's Report – Robert Franz – Secretary

Motion by Roger Winter and seconded by Fiona Witkowski to approve the November 8, 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Since the November meeting, we received correspondence from Meadow Brook Hounds Pony Club for a standby; Councilman Eugene Cook wishing us a wonderful holiday season and thanking us for the work that we do and looking forward to working together in 2022; Good & Welfare: Bill Billups; Holiday and other cards & letters from members and vendors. All cards and letters are posted on the bulletin board.

See Committee Reports for Secretary's thank you to various members who assisted with secretarial duties and various committee work and the entire membership for dedication and commitment and response to calls during these trying times.

Treasurer's Report – Roger Winter – Report Posted

TREASURER'S EXPENSE REPORT

November 4, 2021 - December 13, 2021

6000	EMS	\$	6,907.84
6100	Vehicles	\$	243,445.51
6200	Building	\$	39,642.70
6300	Utilities	\$	12,653.27
6400	Communications	\$	41,972.45
6500	Professional Fees	\$	14,565.00
6600	Insurance	\$	43,687.57
6700	Office	\$	1,471.24
6800	Uniforms	\$	8,042.49
7000	Training	\$	1,152.16
7100	Public Relations	\$	-
7300	Subsistence	\$	2,096.82
8000	Other Expenses	\$	3,706.48
			\$ 419,343.53

Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Good Evening Members,

As another year comes to a close I reflect on the successes of Huntington Community. We helped many, many people, and acted in the spirit of what makes Huntington Community First Aid Squad so great- volunteers coming together to help our community. Riding members, dispatchers, officers, admin members, and elected positions all play a critical role in keeping HCFAS running. I value each one of you for your contributions to HCFAS.

Thank you to all the members who helped construct the holiday parade float over the past few weeks and to Danny Mugavero for organizing everything. Thank you to everyone who attended. We had about 40 members in attendance.

I would like to recognize President Fischer for his outstanding service as President over the past few years (and many more on the Board). There have been many accomplishments over the past years which can be attributed to the Board of Directors under his guidance.

I would like to recognize Chief Ryane Como for helping insure a smooth transition between me and Chief Michael Como, being a resource for all HCFAS members and a steadfast friend to me and the last two Chiefs.

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Thank you to the Chiefs and officers who are staying on and those who are taking off good luck with your future endeavors and thank you for your service.

Thank you to the Ex-Chiefs who were sources of knowledge and experience for me as a new Chief. The guidance you shared along the way proved to be essential.

Please remember to exercise caution on calls as COVID-19 is still out there and the cases are on the rise.

Length of Service:

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We lost two active members this year so I ask you to take a moment to remember Matt Sisinni and Joe Nappi.

Thank you to all the members for everything you do. This place exists only because of your hard work and dedication.

Happy Holidays! See you all at the Holiday party!

First Deputy Chief – Ryane Como – Report Posted

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Thank you to Captain Weigele and everyone that covered on Thanksgiving Day. Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years Eve are quickly approaching; please consider signing up to cover a shift

on one of those days if you are able to. Thank you to Danny Mugavero and everyone that helped with the construction of the float for the Holiday Parade and for those that attended despite the cold.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with standbys this year. We had a tremendous number of requests as activities got back to normal and many of the same people regularly volunteered to cover Yaphank, races, or other events. Your extra help was greatly appreciated and every time I got a “yes” response my heart did a jump for joy. Standbys are a great way to get hours and contribute extra to HCFAS, so next year please consider signing up to help out!

As we come to the end of 2021, it is hard to believe that we are coming up to two years of dealing with a global pandemic. Thank you to everyone that helped us remain operationally viable throughout the height of the pandemic and beyond. Suffolk County EMS sent a reminder today that providers should be vigilant and don the appropriate PPE for patient contacts. Please continue to wear masks in the building and do not come in if you are feeling ill. Please continue to contact the First Deputy should you have any illness symptoms or have a positive COVID-19 exposure outside of the squad.

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There are 18 days left in the fourth quarter. Everyone needs 48 hours per quarter. Please remember to finger in and out on the same shift. If you are going to miss a shift, plan to make up the hours by coming in early and staying late or doing another shift entirely. Please review and submit any finger read adjustment forms ASAP.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone that helped me over the last few years. I learned a tremendous amount from those with greater experience and knowledge and am thankful for the opportunity to have served the squad as an officer. Thank you to all of my fellow officers for your support and camaraderie, thank you to the board of directors for your teamwork and respect. I wish all of the incoming officers luck and will always offer my full support to operations and the board. While I will no longer be in office, please feel free to contact me if I can help with anything.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year. Take care and be well!

Second Deputy Chief – Dale Bartolomeo – Absent – Report Posted and given by Chief David Kaufman

Happy December Everyone!

I apologize for not making tonight's meeting as I am working this evening.

This month's review training is on "Unusual Symptoms of Covid-19". Thank you Mark Brenner and Melissa Anastos for all the help throughout the year helping me put these trainings together.

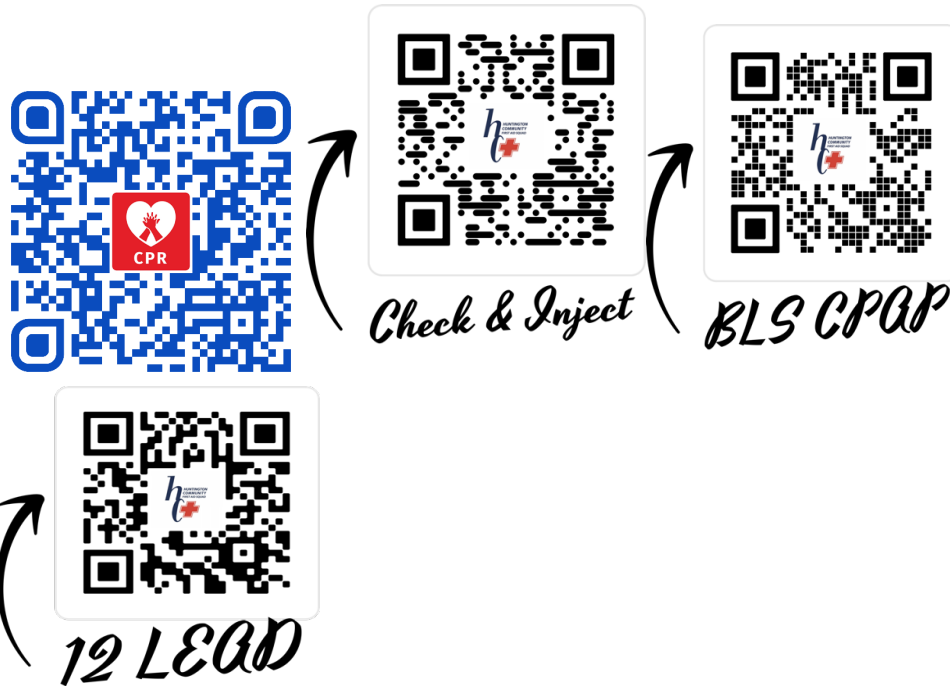
Please complete all monthly review trainings on a **MONTHLY** basis.

Please remember all PCR's must be completed and faxed within four (4) hours.

Anyone looking to take an EMT Refresher or original course there are multiple postings in the ready room.

Anyone who needs to take a CPR, Check and Inject, BLS CPAP or 12 Lead! Please use this QR code below to register for an upcoming class and I will try to coordinate as needed. You will also notice the QR codes posted down in the ready room and near dispatch.

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Thank you everyone who has made this year a great success.

Please reach out if you have any questions. Have a great and enjoyable Holiday Season everyone!

Third Deputy Chief – William Connolly – Report Posted

Dear Members,

This is one of my favorite articles of the year to write because it enables me to reflect on our past year together and embrace a new one. Thank you all for your commitment. It is because of your effort and reliability that we are able to provide our community with top notch service. I would like to recognize and remember the members we have lost, especially Joe Nappi. I will always be grateful for his guidance. Joe is missed but has left a legacy of superb work ethic and dedication. As we look ahead to 2022, I am excited about the work we will do together whatever the challenges.

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday season. May the warmth of the lights in this darkest time of the year fill you with great joy.

Best Wishes!

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Chief Dispatcher Michael Capotosto - Report Posted

Dispatch Training: Congratulations to our newest dispatchers, Alyssa Wohl, Salvatore Esposito and Erin Gallagher!

Thank you to the Dispatch Training Committee for getting our newest members through training so quickly!

Call Statistics:

We closed out November with a total of 511 calls, transporting a total of 421 for 82.4% transports. Not too bad.

We've had 3 24's in November, for a total of 35, putting us at 0.61% for the year so far.

We have had people respond to the building as backup personnel 57 times this month.

Thank you everyone for listening up.

Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain Jacob Levinsky – Report Posted

Hello Everyone and Happy December!

I hope everyone is doing well and Happy Holidays! I would like to thank everyone for letting me serve as their Sunday Day Captain and I hope 2022 will be even better. So far we have had no 24's in the month of November. I would like to thank everyone who has answered up, filled in any empty spots and overall for helping out in any and every way on Sunday. A special thanks to Colin Weigele, Bob Biersack, Jackie deBruin, Kenny Cadet, Brett Dowler, Paul Bayer, John Stevens and anyone and everyone else. I would also like to welcome back the college students during their winter break, you have been greatly missed.

As always, please remember to Clock IN and OUT on the same shift after completing either your 4 or 8 hour shift. You can use the finger reader by dispatch and the back door to see what time you clocked in so you can now tell what time you need to clock out to receive credit for the full shift. Also, don't forget to do your weekly checkouts.

Help is needed on the 0700: a driver is needed; 1100: two drivers needed; and overnight (2300): full crew is needed; If anyone is available to help out, please let me know.

Once again, Happy Holidays to all and let's end 2021 on a good note. See you next year!

Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Paul Bayer – Report Posted

Hello HCFAS volunteers, from your Monday Captain! Here again with news from Company 2 for December 2021.

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I wanted to say it's been my honor to serve the wonderful members of Company 2, and I'm excited to be able to transfer responsibility for this wonderful day to the next person lucky enough to be associated with Company 2.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say Thank You to all the wonderful members who volunteer their time and energy day after day, week after week to make this agency the best in not only Suffolk County - but recognized as one of the best in New York State!

I want to call out the long list of members who have helped out on Mondays in November! **Betty Wood, Jackie DeBruin, Carol Nucci, Marissa Lindner, Kelly Murphy, Fiona Witkowski, Kat Kallergis and Colin Weigele** - a big thank you to you all! If this list seems shorter than before - it's because we've been lucky enough to have 3 members (who we've regularly thanked before) transfer into Company 2 during November (**Will Burton, Leslie Brown, Shannon Gore**). Welcome to Mondays!

Thanks for all that you do!

Company 3 – Tuesday Day Captain Elizabeth Mohr – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Jacob Levinsky

Thank you everyone who made these last three years as Day Captain and the last seven years as an Officer. It has been an enjoyable and memorable experience.

I can't thank you guys enough and to the people who consistently did shifts for me, covered me and helped me throughout this past year.

Thank you. Good luck to everyone this year!

Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Eric Nazinitsky – Verbal Report

Thanks to everyone for coming in for their shifts and all those members who answered back up calls in 2021. I wish everyone Happy Holidays. I thank you for allowing me to be the Wednesday Day Captain in 2021.

Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Colin Weigele – Report Posted

Hello again Everyone,

We finished off Thanksgiving with 15 calls covered. I'd like to thank everyone who came in including members Melissa Anastos, Michael Capotosto, Jacob Levinsky, Jackie deBruin, Casey McCormack and Nikki Campbell.

I'd like to thank all of my Company 5 Members and people who have come in to help me out this past year for all their amazing help and work. I look forward to seeing you all next year!

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As always, some help is still needed on Thursdays:

A driver is needed on the 1100, 1500 and 2300 Shifts
A crew leader is needed on the 1100,1500 and 1900 Shifts
If anyone is able to help please let me know!

Again, thank you for all your help and amazing work.

Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Kathleen Castillo – Absent – No Report

Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Casey O’Riordan – Report Posted

HCFAS Membership,

I want to start by thanking everyone for their continued help over the past year. This year has had a lot of ups and downs due to the pandemic. I want to thank all of you for your continued hard work during an exceptionally hard year.

As for my Saturday members, you guys have shown me that this department is truly a family. Your continued support of each other as we each went through our own struggles on top of the pandemic is something to be admired. You guys have never hesitated to help one of your own, whether it be by covering an extra shift or just being there to support one another.

You guys have made this year as Captain a truly rewarding experience. I also want to thank everyone who has come out to help Saturdays this year. A Special thanks to Bob Biersack, Jake Levinsky, Jackie deBruin, Dana Silverstein, Marissa Lindner and everyone else who has come out to help (I apologize if I missed any names).

Thank you again for making my first and last year as Captain an amazing adventure. I have loved watching each and every one of you grow as providers and as people.

I hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday and good luck to this year’s new officers, I wish you all the best!

Thank you!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

LOSAP 2021 Points – Bob Franz

The 2021 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, 2021 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2021.

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It is recommended that each member have more than 50 points at December 31, 2021 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 2021.

The LOSAP committee puts incomplete LOSAP forms for your correction in a basket on the counter on top of the mail folders. Please check this basket.

The LOSAP point listing is audited by the Town of Huntington. If you find any errors in your account, please report them to the LOSAP committee in writing.

Thanks to Jim Mallilo and Angie Kalodukas for entering all the members' LOSAP points in the system and posting periodic reports during the year. Also, many thanks go to Mary Brenner, Martha Brenner and Christy Stiles for their assistance with the statement distribution and mailing in August.

Secretary Bob Franz – Thank You Everyone

It was a pleasure to serve as the HCFAS 2021 Secretary. Many thanks to everyone for being there and answering call after call during these most difficult & extraordinary years. A monumental job well done. Thank you everyone who served as a committee chairperson or a committee member during 2021. The Squad could not function and accomplish all that we did without your participation.

It was a pleasure working with all my fellow board members and operational officers in 2021. Thank you First Deputy Chief Ryane Como for the preparation and supporting documentation of the personnel action report for each board meeting.

Thank you to all the 2021 corporate officers, directors and operational officers for your diligent and hard work in making the squad a great success in 2021 and laying the ground work for 2022. Thank you, Brian Canty for arranging our first in person meeting at the Larkfield Manor in June. It certainly was a breath of fresh air after fifteen months of near isolation and thank you Seth and Mike Como for the zoom meetings to keep us informed prior to that meeting.

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As we begin to celebrate our fifty-fifth year, I wish to thank all our members both active and inactive who contributed so much to HCFAS over the years to make HCFAS what it is today. HCFAS continues to be the premiere ambulance squad in Suffolk County.

Congratulations to all the members who received REMSCO and NYSVARA awards in 2021 in recognition of their EMS achievements and to all our members for being recognized with the Agency of the Year award.

I would like to thank past Secretary & Director Lehti Laas for her assistance in the preparation of the Board of Directors' minutes, personnel reports & keeping track of member's LOA's on a spreadsheet for the Board and Operational Officers.

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Thanks to Christine Tedone for preparing the General Membership minutes and for writing all the letters to the members for personnel actions such as, LOA's, Return to Duty, off probation and change in membership status. This was certainly another unusual year for the large number of LOA's due to COVID -19.

Thanks to Christy Stiles and Nedi Serrano for reviewing the group life insurance census reports and invoices and for assisting with other necessary tasks.

Thank you to Christine Roulo for making the arrangements with SC Board of Elections for our voting machine and vote count and to Annette Hershkowitz and all of her assistants Carolyn Mullen, Andrew Taylor, James Mallilo, Christine Tedone, Christine Roulo, Brian Canty and Mary Jane Woznick) for running the Squad's annual election and for Annette's sign in and raffle ticket distribution at each monthly GMM.

Thank you to Jim Mallilo for preparing the ballot distribution voting list for the election.

Thank you to operations for providing the necessary PPE at each meeting.

Thank you to the ballot counters, Brian Canty, Christine Roulo, Donald Roulo and Joann Vogel.

Many thanks to all that ran for a 2022 office and I wish everyone a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year and a pandemic free 2022.

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

Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner – Total Donations received to date are \$104,027.00

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

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty – Children's Holiday Party was well received and thank you to all who helped make it a success.

Adult member Holiday Party will take place on Saturday, 12/18/21 from 1730 hours to 2200 hours.

QA/QI Committee – Fiona Witkowski –

On December 6th, Dr. Brandler gave a talk on cardiac arrest and use of the helicopter. He reviewed our PCR's and produced this synopsis for those of you who were unable to attend:

Don't spend time on scene with a critical trauma patient. Scoop and run. We had a patient who was shot in the shoulder, barely alive when people arrived and they spent 20 minutes on scene with a 12-minute ride to the hospital. The patient was pronounced in the ED and this case was flagged by the trauma physician at the hospital. The *only* things that can fix a seriously ill trauma patient, particularly penetrating trauma are emergent transfusion and surgery.

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504 Don't transport dead people. Don't work people with rigor or other obvious signs of death.
505 Patients in asystole should be worked up in place, if there is an improvement, only then consider
506 transport. BLS should read this as asystole = no shock indicated on the AED. If no ALS on-
507 scene, call Medical Control for further direction, if necessary. Patients with no shock indicated
508 for a long time might meet BLS termination of resuscitation criteria in the field. Always Check
509 for a DNR. If the family says there are advanced directives but they can't find the paperwork, call
510 Medical Control.

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512 The chances of successfully reviving most people in cardiac arrest are slim, less than 10% in
513 Suffolk County, especially when you consider "successful" neurologically intact survival. Those
514 with the best chance of recovery are those in V-Fib and V-Tach. These should be worked up and
515 if they remain in V-Fib/V-Tach, transported.

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517 Witnessed arrests should be worked up and transported. This is also true if the person is in public
518 view but does not meet criteria for obvious death...decapitation, rigor mortis, dependent
519 lividity.

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521 Pay attention to how the LifePak records heart rate. A dead person getting compressions will
522 look as though he has a good heart rate. When recording pulseless and apneic make sure the
523 chart shows 0 (zero) not UTO.

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525 When transporting a patient, use lights and sirens sparingly; transporting "code 3" rarely saves
526 more than a minute or two and puts the crew and patient at more risk.

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528 You can (and should) cancel the helicopter if it is inappropriate. If PD thinks there is a possibility
529 that a medivac is needed (and they err on the side of caution) they will get things started. The
530 helicopter was used for a 19-year-old with stable vitals who amputated 3 toes in a lawnmower
531 accident - this was inappropriate.

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533 **Closing**

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535 Has everyone fingered in?

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537 Thank you to those who have helped:

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539 **Social and Kitchen Committees:** Special Thanks to Lisa Mohr, Robert Biersack, Joanne
540 Cunningham, Angie Kalodukas, Carol Nucci, Greg Orr, Christy Stiles, Claire Tesoriero and
541 Mary Jane Woznick.

542 **New Business:**

543 John Palmieri got up and stated, "We all love Seth and David an awful lot". "They did a great
544 job these past four years and I have a lot of respect for them".

545 **Old Business: None**

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Various Raffles:

Bottle of Wine – Fiona Witkowski
Bottle of Wine – Donald Ruolo
Bottle of Wine – Joanne Cunningham
Bottle of Wine – Ona Mastroianni
1 Poinsettia Plant – Michael Campanelli
1 Poinsettia Plant – Jerry Hernandez
1 Green Basket – Kyoko Saito
1 Green Basket – Susanna Otto
\$50 Gift Card Stop and Shop – Brian Canty
\$50 Gift Card Stop and Shop – Lorrie Stone
\$25 Gift Card Stop and Shop – Joanne Vogel
\$25 Gift Card Stop and Shop – Angie Kalodukas
\$25 Gift Card Finnegan's/Hatch – Joel Paul
\$25 Gift Card Finnegan's/Hatch – Richard Stone

Report of Election Ballot Vote Counters – Christine Roulo, Brian Canty, Joanne Vogel and Don Roulo

Vote Count Summary for the 2022 Board of Directors and Operational Officers

General Election: December 13, 2021
159 Votes were cast (Eligible Voters 245)

Board of Directors: vote only for four (4)

130 Robert Franz
104 Thomas Lemp
100 Lehti Laas
95 Jeffrey Daniels
50 Paul Bayer (Write In)

Chief: vote only for one (1)

116 David Kaufman

1st Deputy Chief: vote only for one (1)

111 Kathryn Donegan

2nd Deputy Chief: vote only for one (1)

129 Dale Bartolomeo

3rd Deputy Chief: vote only for one (1)

134 William Connolly

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Chief Dispatcher: vote only for one (1)

117 Michael Capotosto

Day Captain: vote only for seven (7)

121 Dominic Heavey Wednesday

118 Jacob Levinsky Sunday

115 Colin Weigele Thursday

90 Kathleen Castillo Friday

94 Joseph Savaglio Tuesday

109 Steven Benjamin Saturday

President Fischer went down the Day Captain write-in votes and asked if any eligible write-in candidates would accept the position of Day Captain. All declined the position.

At the January 2022 General Membership meeting there will open nominations and a vote to fill the open Day Captain position. (Secretary's note: Monday Day Captain).

Motion by Jacob Levinsky and seconded by Jackie deBruin to accept the ballot vote counters report as presented.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion by Chief David Kaufman and seconded by Fiona Witkowski to destroy the ballots.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 79, Probationary 9, Total: 88

Motion made by Brian Canty and seconded by David Kaufman to adjourn the General Membership meeting at 2005 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Assistant Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

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