

## Madeline Island Ambulance Monthly Report

April 22, 2014

During the month of April we began our regular two team format. Sarah took the opportunity to re-mix the teams so that we get a chance to work with others.

We will continue to use the four wheel drive ambulance for runs since most of the driveways are still muddy and wet. It is nice to have the boats start today and hopefully we can start being back on a schedule for boats to transport all day and night. I will check with Gary Russell to see if we can count on boats during the night with limited ferries and ice still in the ferry passage.

We had our regular monthly meeting this month. Our major discussion was on our refresher. We have now heard that our refresher is starting the week of May 3 and continuing the next weekend on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is very disappointed with WITC for not scheduling an instructor for the weekend of April 26<sup>th</sup> as requested.

Pete Clark and I had a good meeting on Monday with Marty Curry joining the discussion. I presented two different approaches to the wage and earnings issues that are plaguing the ambulance service. I have had numerous discussions with Barry Szymanski, who is a lawyer that specializes in EMS issues in Wisconsin and with Dan Clark of Washburn. They both have two different but promising approaches to solving the problem. Barry has worked with several municipalities and their ambulance services who have had similar issues. My next step is to contact some of these municipalities to understand the pros and cons of his proposal. I will continue to report to the town board as we make progress.

Pete also assured me that our one designated fund labeled "Donations and Training" will be restored to its previous balance. He found in that instance that the transactions were clearly all donations and volunteer raised funds. I will look forward to viewing Barb's history of each of our designated accounts when she has them completed. Pete and I agree that some of these funds need some clarification and stream lining.

Our training meeting this month is a joint exercise with the fire department out at the airport. We will be training on patient extrication out of a crashed vehicle.

I will be attending the monthly area EMS association meeting this Thursday at MMC.

Respectfully Submitted,

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