

AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT MAY, 2011

After accumulating six runs for the month of May, we now begin our season with a total of 16 runs under our belt. By way of reference, we average 45 runs a year, and these usually occur in the summer months. We have not had this many off-season runs in recent memory!

We are a community with one of the three lowest call volumes per year in the state. Washburn, for example, runs in the 360's, or an average of one per day.

Two of our trainees have completed their tests and will join the schedule in the month of June. We are very excited to have them.

In May we had our last training meeting till the fall. We take a hiatus from training meetings in the summer when everyone is working. For the May meeting Cindy Dalzell planned a time for us to refill our ditch kits with the things we'll need for the coming months.

It appears that we'll not have a replacement ambulance for the old van-style rig in time for the summer season. For the time being, the ambulance that we call 508 is choosing to behave. Deena Schuppe had the very good idea of taking 508 all the way to Ashland with all the life-support equipment running as a kind of shake down cruise. Surprises are not good when you are transporting a patient.

Deena also ordered us each a new fleece and tee shirt with our service logo stitched on. We feel this is important on an ambulance call so that people know that we are there to help them. It gives us a more professional look than just arriving in our street clothes.

The EMT's are in charge of the fund-raising raffle this year? We alternate with the fire department. We'll be selling tickets for a 50-50 raffle. The draw for the winners will be on Saturday of Labor Day Weekend.

Patty Hobin
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