

## Madeline Island Ambulance Monthly Report

August 26, 2014

During the months of July and August we have had over 28 calls. Both ambulances have been in use and are being monitored and ready for service at all times. We are having some difficulty with the sirens on 509 and I have spoken to Christian about having Adam look at the problem as soon as possible.

We had our regular monthly meeting this month. We discussed possible candidates for class in the fall semester at WITC for the EMS basic course. We hope to interview two candidates next week. Our on call schedule and level of commitment make it difficult for the young people that we would like to recruit. We are in an ongoing conversation on how to promote the service to new recruits. This is an area wide problem. I had a phone interview from Amber from the Ashland Daily Press last week. She asked lots of general questions but the emphasis was on recruiting in the entire area and the problems EMS is facing.

We discussed more about the possibility of setting up an auxiliary of citizens to help with all fund raising aspects for both fire and EMS. Jay Wiltz says that he will keep pursuing this idea. It would help a lot with the raffle as well as the Picnic on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

We had a brief officers meeting before our regular meeting and worked mostly on the designated funds consolidation and the budget. We started a list of supplies and purchases needed by the end of the year. We also discussed further roles for the team leaders and met after the regular meeting with them to go over a division of responsibilities. We went over the Ordinance and figured out which account will be used for EMS Donations and Fundraising. We also agreed to participate with the Ashland County Sheriff's department on tone outs being broadcast through the cell phone system. We know there are lots of limitations but we would like to help and be a part of this beginning effort to reduce equipment. I believe the fire department is also participating in this experiment. Right now it is completely in addition to our existing system and does not compromise communications.

We helped to cover the Pointe to La Pointe swim. There were over 450 swimmers and Scott Armstrong is aware that we need additional help from Bayfield EMS in the future to cover this event. We had some minor issues but nothing significant.

I am now finishing up the documents that the Horton Group needs to complete our estimate for our retirement program. I have everyone's contact information and history complete now and have sent it on to the Horton Group. I am also continuing to work on our interim wage proposal of going to a per diem basis while researching the idea of a 501c3.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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