

Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

August 2015

During the month of August we have had twelve calls so far. Two of the calls have required Airlift assistance. We seem to be having fewer calls this year but more serious calls. Once more we are in full busy season mode and everyone is aware that we are short on EMTs and need to be covered and available at all times when on call.

Now that Evan is going to school, we have given Mary Ross a radio at the ferry line office. Bob Teisberg has his pager and so we should have good communications with the boats.

We helped to cover the swim though we were short people. Scott Armstrong and I had a few meetings and worked out a system with Bayfield EMS to help and we enlisted a few Washburn EMTs to be on the island for further coverage.

Lisa and I have been discussing the possibility of EMS moving into the Winter Transportation building. It would be very nice to have private space for meetings and an office where our paperwork could be completed and filed safely. We toured the building and she said that she would ask everyone involved about the possibility.

I would really like to get to work on our Length of Service Program with our new insurance company. I have not been given any information on who to talk to and get this process in place. It needs to happen this season. We do not want to go another year without this policy. It is costing us in our ability to retain EMTs. I wrote about this last month. I will keep working on it with Lisa along with our budget to be ready for the September dead-lines.

I will be attending the monthly area EMS association meeting this next week.

Sarah and I interviewed five possible candidates for class this fall. We have decided to ask four people to take the class. We have the monies in our education budget, ACT 102 funds and the Island Association. They start class in late September. Sarah and I also discussed having our officers go to a Director and Assistant Director role instead of a three on a team system. We have had some trouble with keeping three people all on the same page. I will talk to Lisa about how to do this and whether we need a wage resolution and job description changes. It seems that this is the system most services use. It still builds a line of succession and should be more efficient.

Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia Dalzell, Madeline Island Service Director

