

Madeline Island Service Report

December, 2013

We are in our Holiday covering mode. Each service member covers at least one Holiday allowing the others to be away and have off during the Holiday that is most important to them.

We have switched over to the van style ambulance for the snow season and of course the ice road season when it happens.

We had our regular monthly meeting and started our training meetings. Our training meeting included reviews of equipment that are not used as often as some.

At our regular meeting we discussed the upcoming convention schedule. It looks like two members would like to attend the Duluth conference and one or two would like to attend the Milwaukee conference. The two conferences take place at the end of January. I have started the application process and will finish it this week.

We handed out the schedules that Sarah has done for the three team schedule starting in January. It took some moving around with folks having some vacation times planned but I think we have ourselves covered. This may take some time with administrative tallying of hours and pay. I will start working on it now so that it does not disturb our payroll.

I understand that there has been some fallout with the issue of one person taking the EMT course and not passing the test required for licensing. Since I have joined the service there have been others who have not completed the course or only stayed with service for a very short period of time. I just want to state that we never ask anyone for a guarantee that this is for them. It is impossible to know until you try if EMS will fit you and your limitations and lifestyle. If we did not take a chance on some people, we would never find the right people. I know it is a great expense and there are some things that we can do during the interview process to better determine able candidates. I don't think anyone can completely explain the level of commitment required with our service until you experience it yourself. This summer when we look for new candidates to take the course, we will review our interview and application process.

Respectfully Submitted,

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