

Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

January 26, 2015

During the month of December we have had one transports and one island only call as well as an ice rescue stand by. They were all done in 508 our van ambulance because of the conditions. We did install a battery switch to maintain power to the system. Thank you to Adam for fixing this ongoing issue.

We did not have a training meeting this month since it fell on Christmas Eve but will have one this week.

Deena is attending the Conference in Duluth and should have reports for us this week. I am also going to Milwaukee for the state conference at the end of the week. There is a full day leadership program that I will attend and a Lifequest seminar that should prove very useful. I will be attending three days of class.

We did have an officer's meeting and discussed mostly Length of Service issues and gathered information to get to Horton Group. Barb has also given me most of the information that I need. We discussed candidates for EMS classes. There is going to be a class this summer and we have one student interested. We have another that is considering an intensive course for 19 days in North Carolina. I would be comfortable with two more EMTs in training for the service.

Barb and I met and figured out a way to begin the new compensation program. The per diem is based on our daily rate and is not considered volunteer wages. Runs, meetings and training are now volunteer time. We re-configured our vouchers to reflect these changes and will implement them at our February meeting. This seems to satisfy the needs of our wage issues at this time. We will continue to monitor and develop the program as we go along.

There was an issue with a community member that sent a letter to Jim Patterson. Barb gave me the details and I contacted the resident and received more information. After discussing the day and time and incident, I spoke with our police officers. This resident was charged for a Bayfield Ambulance and could not understand why. It turned out that when the police transported this person, an ambulance was called during the transport through Bayfield. I encouraged the resident to speak to a representative at Lifequest who handles Bayfield's billing if they had any further questions.

I will not be attending the monthly area EMS association meeting this next week as I will be in Milwaukee.

Respectfully Submitted,

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