

Madeline Island Service Report, January, 2014

The Holiday season proved to be a nice quiet season for us on the ambulance service.

We had our regular monthly meeting where we discussed ice rescue protocols, ice road protocols and discussed driveways and plowing issues. We are using the four wheel drive ambulance as the main ambulance.

We started our flex schedule and reminded everyone to keep their calendars and radios very handy and easily accessible.

At our training meeting we worked on stations of equipment that are not often used. We also did a great quiz to remind us of where some of the more unique roads on the island are. We do have our CPR refresher on Feb. 8th and Sarah is working on scheduling our main refresher in April when the boats start to run. The instructors don't care for the ice road and wind sled seasons due to all of the equipment they have to haul back and forth and the unpredictable schedule.

At our officers meeting we discussed that this training meeting include a private review for each EMT to go over their status and how it relates to the new retirement program. At the same time we asked if each EMT plans to go through the main refresher and remain with the service. It also gave them a chance to critique our jobs as officers. We have one EMT that has decided not to refresh with the service. He has been with the service for seven years and has been a valued member. That will leave us with only 10 EMTs on the service for the summer.

Sarah and I had a meeting with Peter Clark about the salaries of EMTs here on Madeline Island as they compare to other parts of the state. We run a very different type of service here and I hope that now Pete better understands why we are paid as we are. We had a good discussion on several issues and plan to continue these discussions every month. I would like one of the other officers present at each meeting so Pete gets a clear picture of their duties and their value to the service.

There was a wage resolution that changed our CEU payments from \$18.00 per hour to \$5.00 per hour. I was not part of this discussion and would have like to have been. Historically we actually pay CEU's (continuing education credits) not from our payroll account with the town but from discretionary funds either from ACT 102 state funds or from the Island Association. I plan to continue to do pay them from these funds at the previous level.

We had a meeting with Mike Anderson about a training exercise being held on the island in August of this year. We have agreed to participate in the exercise and cover any injuries that may occur. I will attend the next meeting to find our more information. I announced the event at our last meeting and will start to find the three EMT's that they requested.

I had my annual review with Pete Clark last week. I think it went well and we agreed communication is the key to keeping the service in line with the town's expectations.

Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia Dalzell, Madeline Island Service Director