

## Madeline Island Ambulance Monthly Report

May 25, 2014

During the month of May we are on our regular teams. We have had four runs with two transports. We have changed back to the larger ambulance now that the roads are drier. Deena has met with our new mechanic Adam and Christian to discuss the issues with the ambulances.

We had our regular monthly meeting this month. We discussed the upcoming in-line skate event and designated EMT's for the job. There is a meeting this week to go over the plans with the Ashland Chamber. We also discussed the fourth of July picnic and the raffle. Bill Tibble has done the report for last year and applied for this year's permit and ordered the tickets. There was some discussion of not doing the picnic or raffle until the funds are received back into our designated fund. I am enclosing a formal request for these funds to be transferred back into this account.

We are going ahead to investigate the possibility of hiring Barry Szymanski to help with our wage and earnings issues. So far we have just asked for references from other townships that have used his services and asked for a proposal. I am still having discussions with the EMS council about their various services and how they are handling these same issues with their services.

This month Laura Krist from Lifequest Services, our billing service, came to the island. I introduced her to Pete Clark and Barb Nelson. We discussed several issues with the computer program. She showed me ways to customize the program, how to enter more data for billing out equipment, and many house keeping items. The billing of equipment will better allow us to charge for items that are used on transports and need to be replaced after their use. It will add a bit of a new revenue stream to our billing services. We also discussed streamlining the ferry line services into this billing system. Robin Russell and I have had an ongoing discussion about this and maybe we are making some progress.

This month was National EMS month. There was a group formed by the Rural Health Organization that visited this last week. Laurie Cannon brings a group of 14 medical students up from Madison and other schools to visit rural communities and view their facilities. We had lunch and I described our service and then we viewed the ambulances, the fire hall and the winter transportation building.

We completed our Refresher course with WITC. We had eight EMT's take the class. Jay Wiltz is not due until next year. Joan Martin and Dan Schuppe did not refresh and will no longer be on the service. We thank them for their time with the Madeline Island Ambulance Service. We are actively recruiting for two students to take the class this fall.

We have discussed with the state tactical team that is doing a training incident on the island in August what they will require of us. This is mostly a law enforcement training but we will provide EMS services for their personnel while they are training. Sarah Schram discussed with one of their coordinators to have them come here for training with our service specifically in the fall. We agreed that it is a great idea and will pursue it.

I have completed the ACT 102 grant application and sent it to the state. We also have to renew our FCC license in June and our EMS council dues are due this month. I met with the other department heads for a meeting this month to discuss common issues. I also met with our sales representatives from Horton Insurance. They are going to be attending our June meeting to discuss retirement plan options.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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